

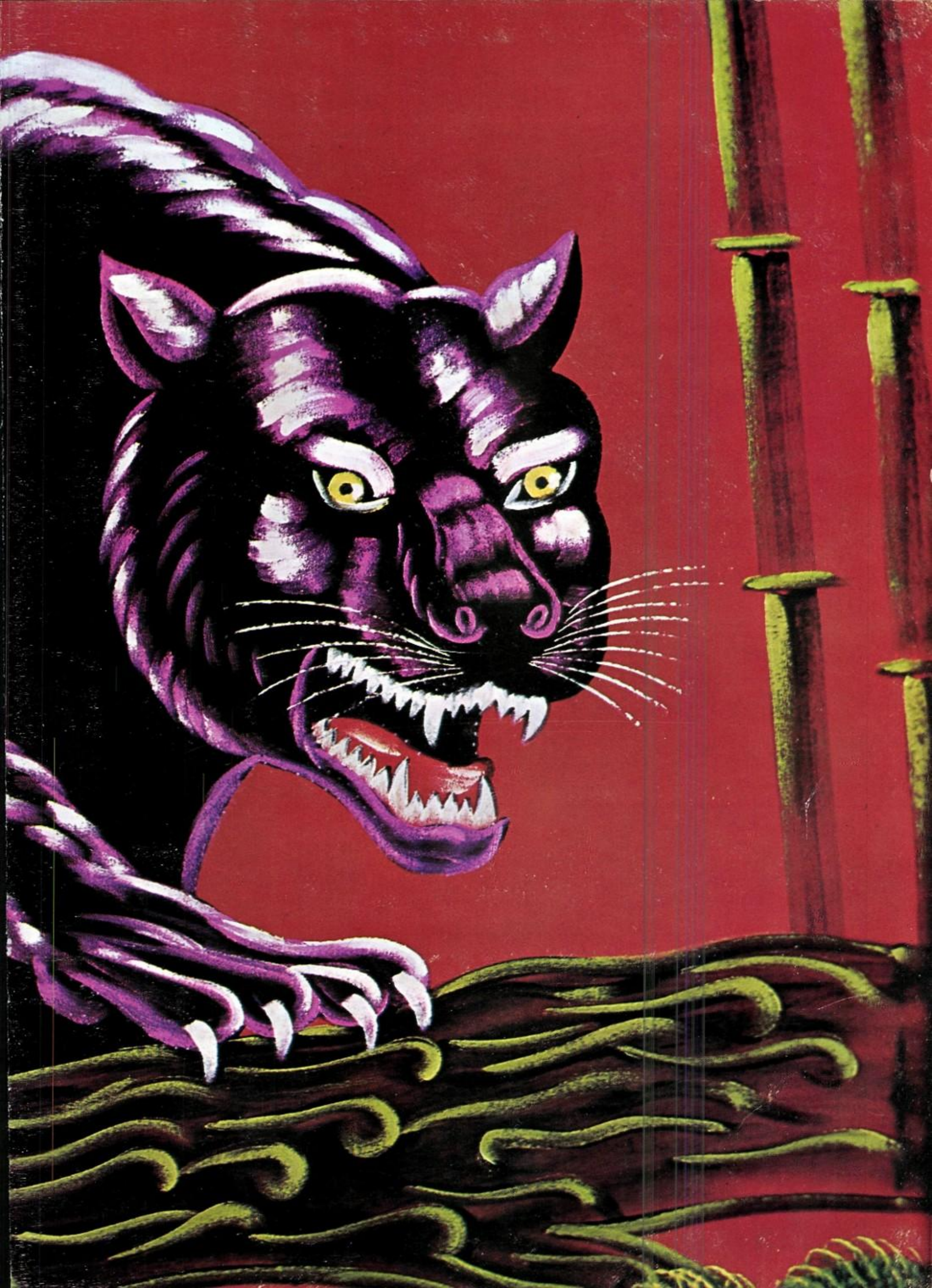


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Oh yes, to hope I also best  
We're about I hope the  
graduate goes always luck in  
everything will Good Bless you  
hope we Good Bless you  
of friends. Good Bless  
you do Good Bless  
George

My dear friend,  
A very nice drawing  
when I was young  
for a drawing of  
a drawing of a drawing

for a long time  
R D Bump

Dear Sir,  
 I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the above matter.  
 I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
 Yours, Sir, very truly,  
 J. B. Smith

2  
P. Gonzales

Alga,  
Hope you  
worth while  
Get  
Save!

Olga,  
Like Jane says  
hope you do some  
thing waiting while  
like getting married  
to Robert / you  
hear what? I hope you  
and Robert have the  
brightest future together

Yea Yellow Sockets

Dear Olga,  
Well here you are.  
it is our last in that  
and were such in  
Oh well its not all that  
bad. I hope that you and  
Robert ~~are~~ going good in the future.  
Stay as sweet and pretty in the  
future and you will go very far.  
God Bless you,  
Sandy Aaron

State '69

and Robert have the  
brightest future together.

your friend Always,  
Carmen & Chaires  
Lucas me, Frank  
Yellow Ruchen Diap  
Sockets

dear Dege,  
I've known you for many  
years and I still think you're  
the friendliest and prettiest girl  
I know. Keep up that pretty  
smile and you'll make a hit  
in your future years. Best  
of wishes in your future years  
and with Love.

Yla.  
Panther  
68-69

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Alga,  
a real great  
gal whom I like  
alot and admire! Lot's  
of love in the future  
Love  
Morgan  
Silva

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Alga,  
Here wishing you the  
best in the future in  
everything you do. Its  
been nice knowing you  
and being your friend.  
Lots of Luck  
Morgan  
Silva



Olga



Here's wishing the very best to a wonderful  
person whom I like very much and admire.  
Keep up that great personality of yours  
and you'll never go wrong in what  
ever you do. Mom has been and keep  
both you and Robert  
together always.

Classes

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## The Wonderful Worlds Of WHS

Love,

Mom Ellen Mattingly

Personalities,  
Honors

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Weslaco High is a universe of many worlds, each with its own orbit, but each correlated with another through the common elements of desire, obstacles, competition, and visual experience. There is the WORLD OF CURRICULUM encompassing teachers, counselors, classes, and studies. The WORLD OF CLASSES consists of books, study, and learning. There is the WORLD OF SPORTS comprised of character and competition. The WORLD OF STUDENT LIFE includes friends and fun. Service and leadership structure the WORLD OF ORGANIZATIONS, and ultimately, there is the WORLD OF PERSONALITIES AND HONORS illuminating the 1967-68 pathways through time.

Organizations

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Alga,  
May your future  
be the brightest and  
most enjoyed by  
you - Good Luck  
with Good All  
Roberto!  
We met in 4th grade,  
seems like yesterday!  
Hope we'll always  
remain friends  
Love,  
Linda  
9/26/68  
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## *Dedication --*



Members of the annual staff dedicate the 1967-68 La Palma to one who gives much, Mrs. Jo Ann Free.

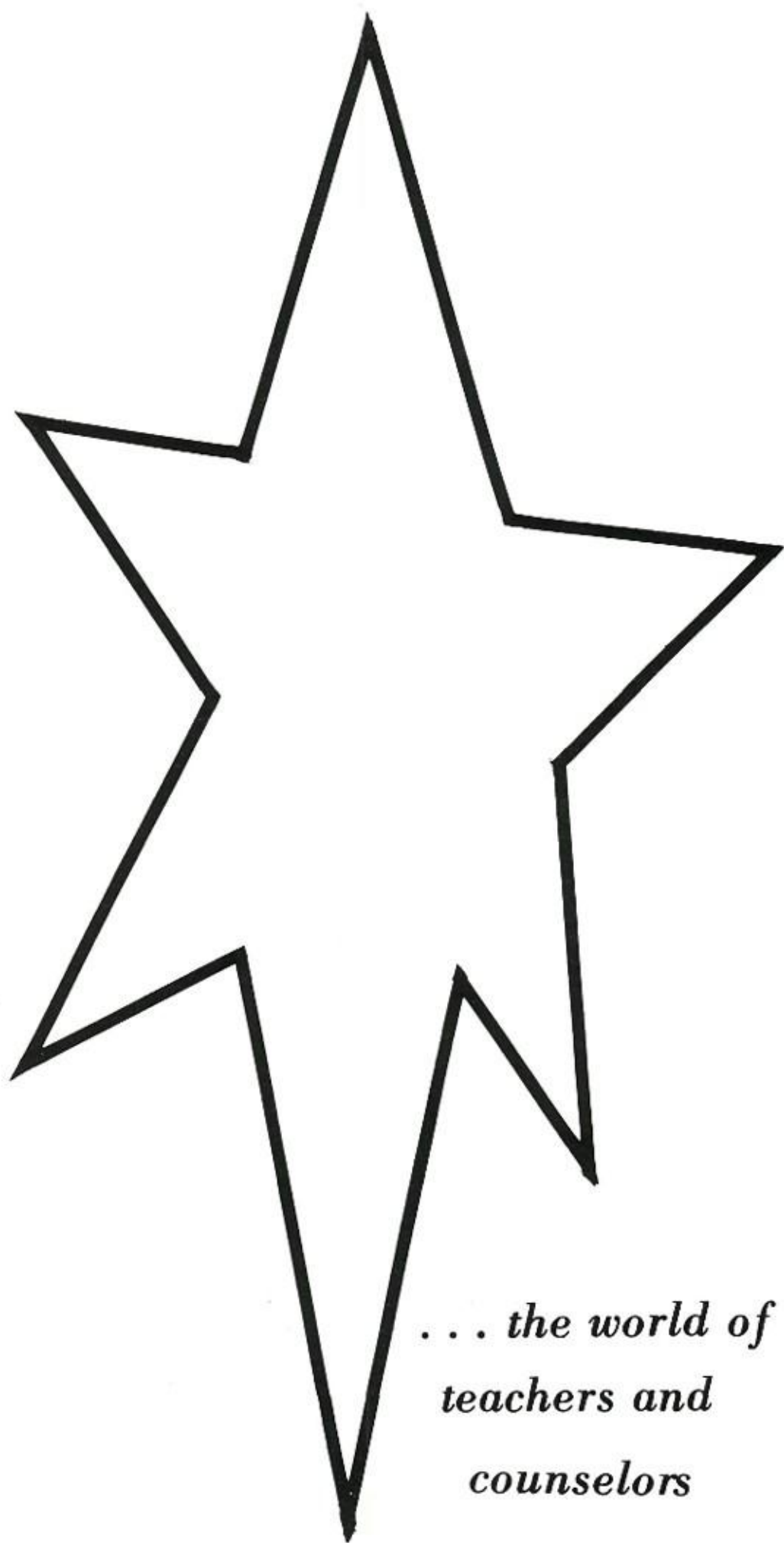
In addition to teaching, she impresses upon all by the life she lives that freedom and democracy are based upon realization of the worth of each individual, that honesty and love of God are fundamental. She freely gives of her time, allowing students to express their concepts of freedom, privileges, and responsibilities of democracy.

To each student with whom she is in contact through American Heritage or Sing Out, she gives something which will influence them the rest of their lives. Each student she touches swells with pride when he hears the Star Spangled Banner or reflects a little deeper as he recites the Pledge of Allegiance.

The measure of her example as an American, a teacher, and a woman will be fully realized as these students become mature Americans.



# Curriculum



*... the world of  
teachers and  
counselors*







Limitados  
El artículo  
El artículo  
Descriptivos  
Jamaño  
Forma  
Color  
Nacionalidad  
Posesivos (largos)  
Calidad  
Posesivos (cortos)

E O  
CITA  
A'S  
OTH



## *Trustees Oversee Total School Life*



Weslaco Independent School District Board of Trustees are (starting from the left) William Solether, Hortemio Hernandez, Neil Chandler, Morris Knowles, Jim Cook, president, Mrs. Antonia Elizondo, and Domingo Sepulveda.



Checking over school records are Mr. Jack A. Frost, superintendent and Mr. J.C. Wood, Weslaco High principal, right.





Assuming his new duties as school superintendent this year is Mr. M.N. Henson. Mr. Henson took the place of Mr. Jack Frost who received Navy orders to report to Abilene, Texas for active duty.



Performing their jobs as secretaries in the school office are Mrs. Quitman Henley, Mrs. Cecil McKee, and Miss Allison Wright.



Serving as assistant principals are Mrs. Mildred Cowley, Mr. E.D. Villanueva, and Mr. Joel Parsons.



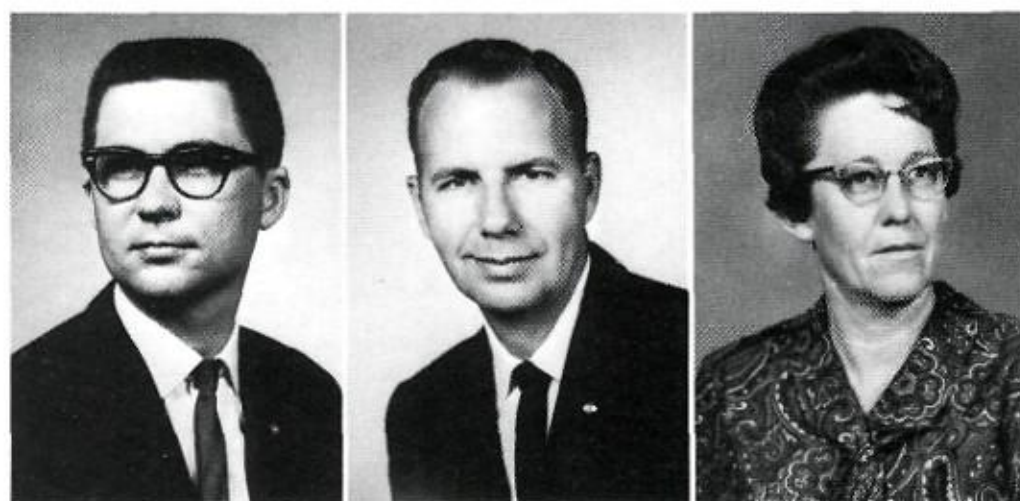


FROST, JACK  
Superintendent  
WOOD, J.C.  
Principal  
PARSONS, JOEL  
Assistant principal, related math.



VILLANUEVA, E.D.  
Assistant principal, physics, related math I.  
COWLEY, MRS. MILDRED  
Assistant principal, district textbook custodian.  
ANDERSON, DAVID R.  
Counselor, Student Senate co-sponsor.

WAHL, RODGER  
Counselor, Student Senate co-sponsor.  
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World history, American history, freshman chairman.  
ANDERSEN, MRS. MARTHA  
Journalism I & II, government, La Palma, Hi-Life sponsor,  
UIL journalism sponsor.



ANDERSEN, MRS. NANCY  
Trigonometry, geometry.  
ANDERSON, C. DAVID  
Related math II, algebra I, UIL slide rule sponsor.  
ASH, MISS ELIZABETH  
English I, one-act play, UIL spelling sponsor.



BARLETT, JOE  
Health, boys physical education, sophomore sponsor.  
BENNETT, MRS. MARY  
Homemaking I & II, mum sales chairman, Future Home-  
makers of America, junior sponsor.  
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Band director.

CARAVEO, MRS. HILDA

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CARDENAS, MRS. AMPARO

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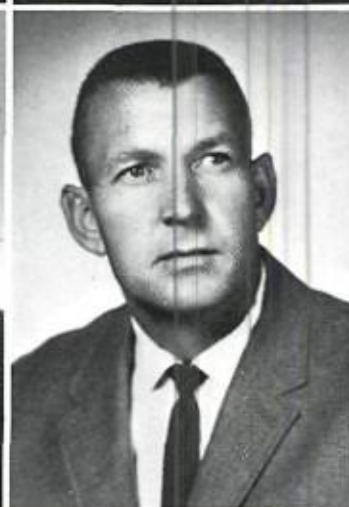
Athletic director, football coach, government, "W" Letterman's Club, freshman sponsor.

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Spanish II, III, & IV, Pan American Student Forum sponsor.



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Bookkeeping, typing I, UIL typewriting, senior sponsor.

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GROSSER, KENT

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Distributive education, concession manager, Distributive Education Clubs of America, junior sponsor.

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Athletics, girls physical education, health, basketball coach, Girls Athletic Association, Pep Squad, cheerleader sponsor.

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Typing I & II, UIL typewriting, junior sponsor, concession manager.

HICKS, MRS. EVELYN

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JACOBS, RALPH

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JONES, MRS. VIRGINIA

Biology I, UIL science sponsor.

JORDAN, GERALD

World history, UIL debate sponsor.

KINNARD, DARRELL

Vocational agriculture I, II, & III, Future Farmers of America, freshman sponsor.



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Choir director.

MUSTIN, BILL

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junior sponsor.



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NANCE, MISS VANDA SUE

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POTTER, MRS. PREBLE

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RIVERA, MISS ROSARIO

English II, UIL prose reading sponsor.

ROHR, THURMAN

Spanish I & II, senior sponsor.

ROSE, MISS BARBARA

Speech I, English II, drama, UIL one-act play, Drama Club, senior sponsor, senior play director.

ROSS, MRS. VERALEE

Homemaking I & II, Future Homemakers of America, junior sponsor, mum sales chairman.

SALAZAR, ARTURO

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SALINAS, ED

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SANCHEZ, ANTONIO

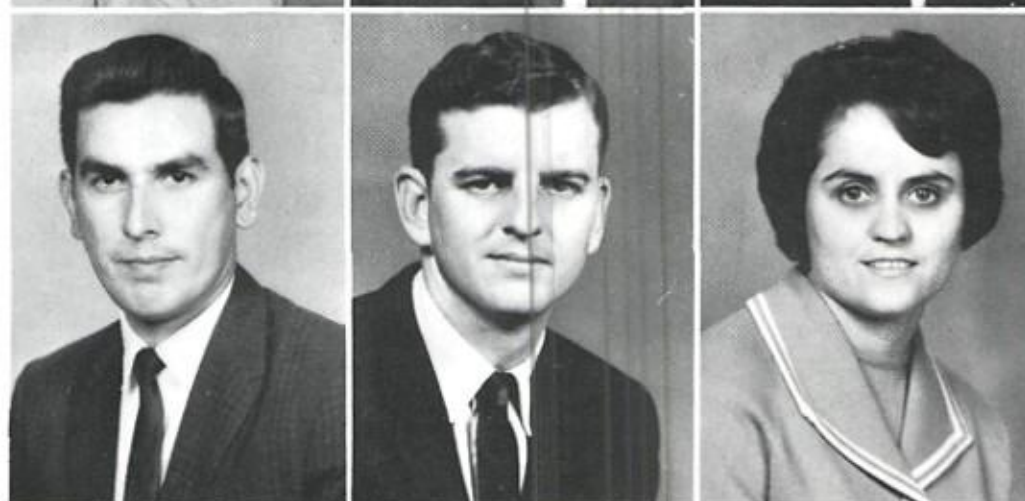
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SMITH, MICHAEL

Related math I & II, Student Senate co-sponsor.

THOMPSON, MRS. SHERRI

Geometry, algebra I, freshman sponsor.



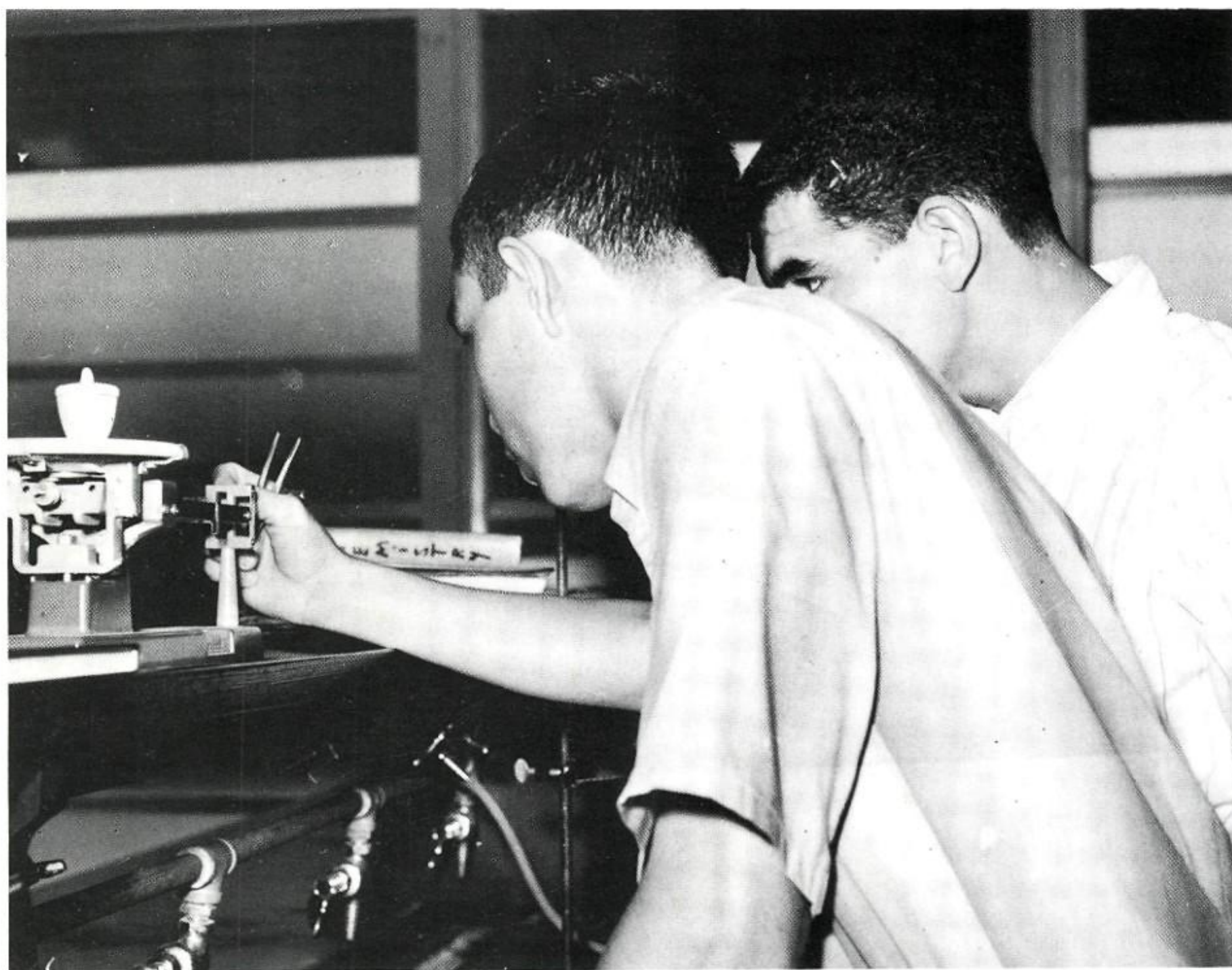




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Shorthand, typing I, UIL shorthand, Future Teachers of  
America sponsor.  
WALLACE, MRS. PAT  
English I.  
WARREN, CHARLES  
English III, UIL ready writers, senior sponsor.



WELCH, JAMES  
Industrial Arts, senior sponsor.



Working on a chemistry experiment, Danny Reyna and Johnny Cavazos, seniors. weigh out necessary ingredients.

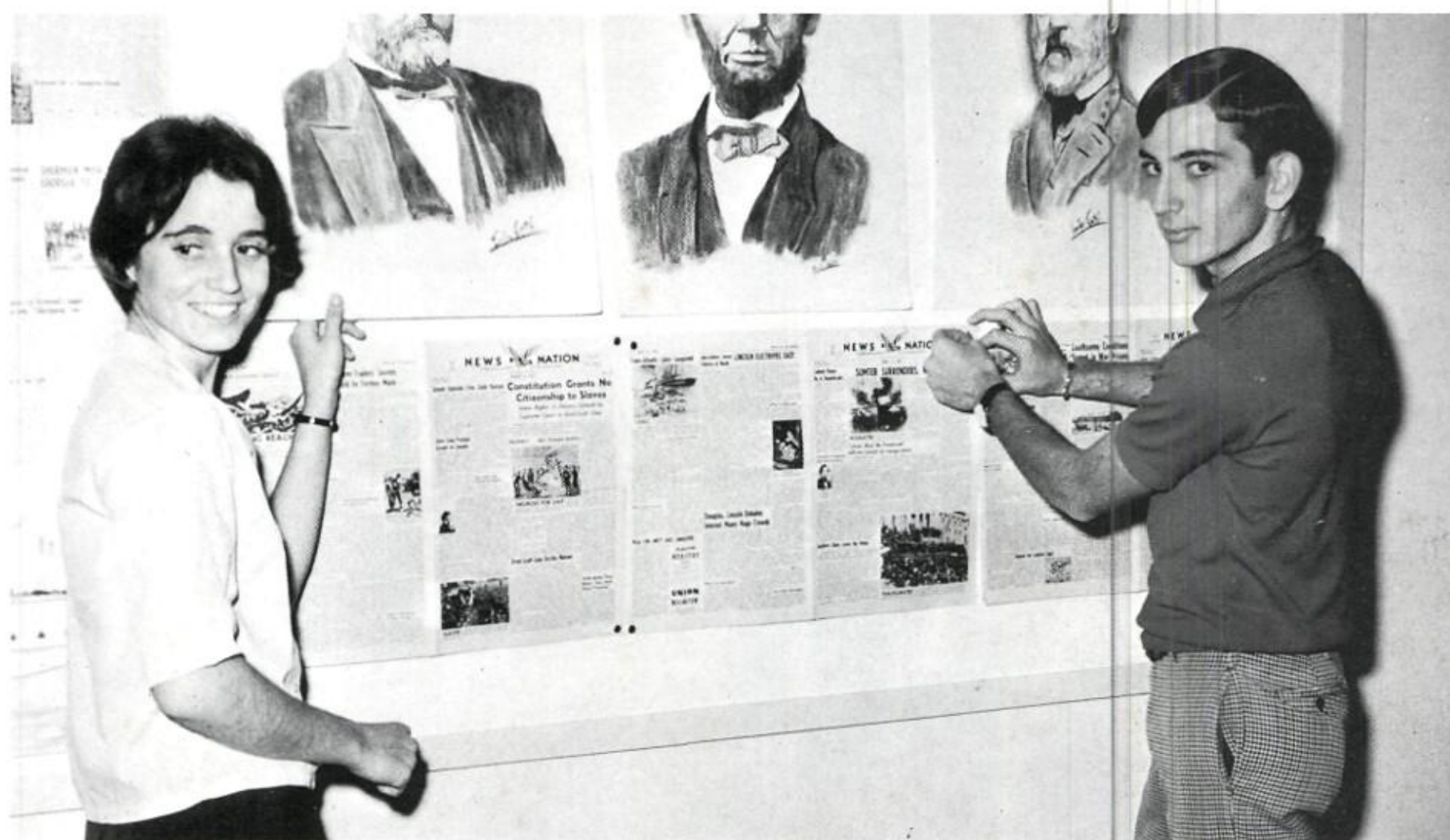




Bridesmaids J.C. Wood and Jack Schultz are caught by the camera during a Panther "womanless" wedding at one of the pep rallies.

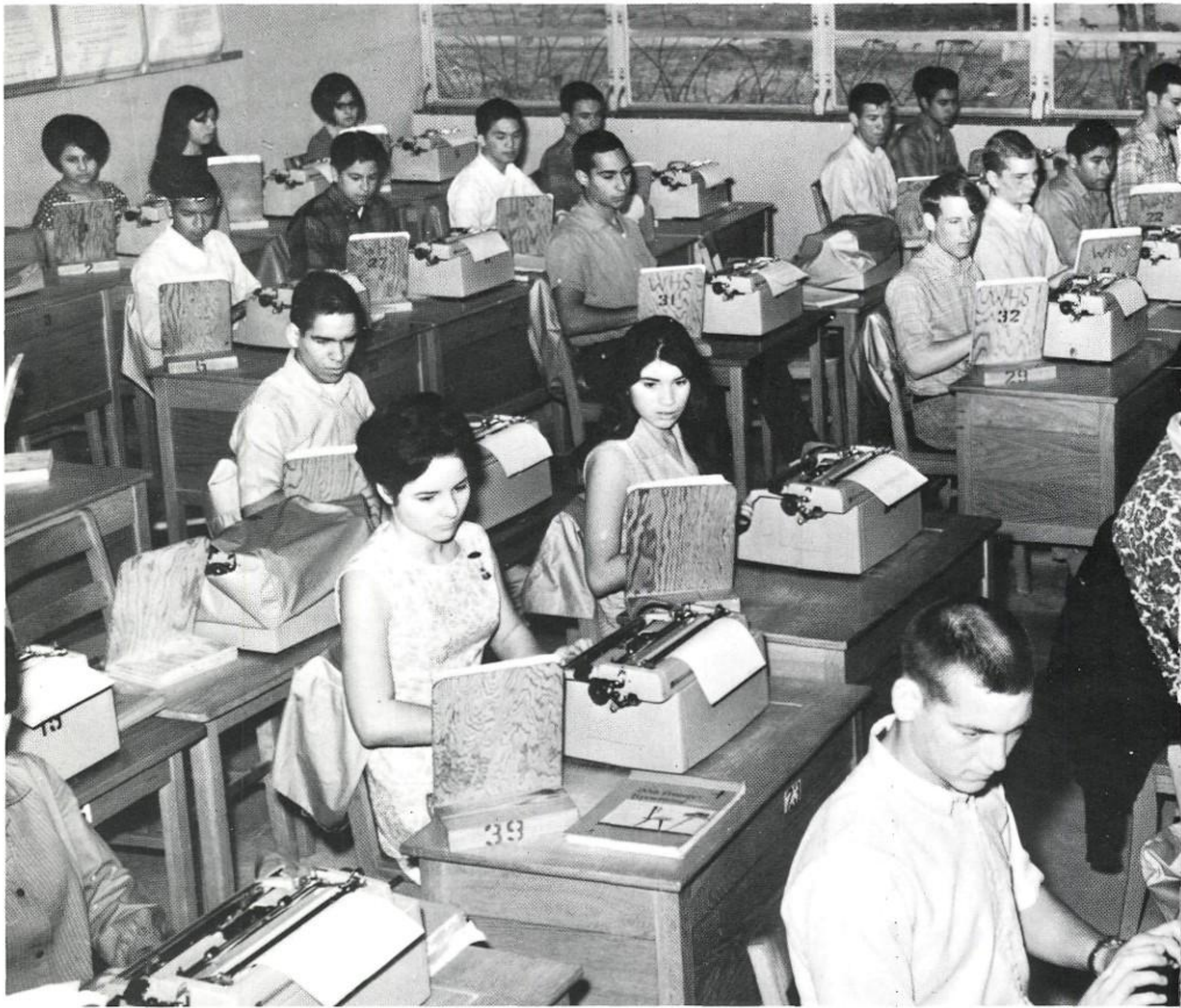


Miss Vanda Sue Nance, Spanish teacher, grades the inevitable stack of papers that is the lot of all teachers.

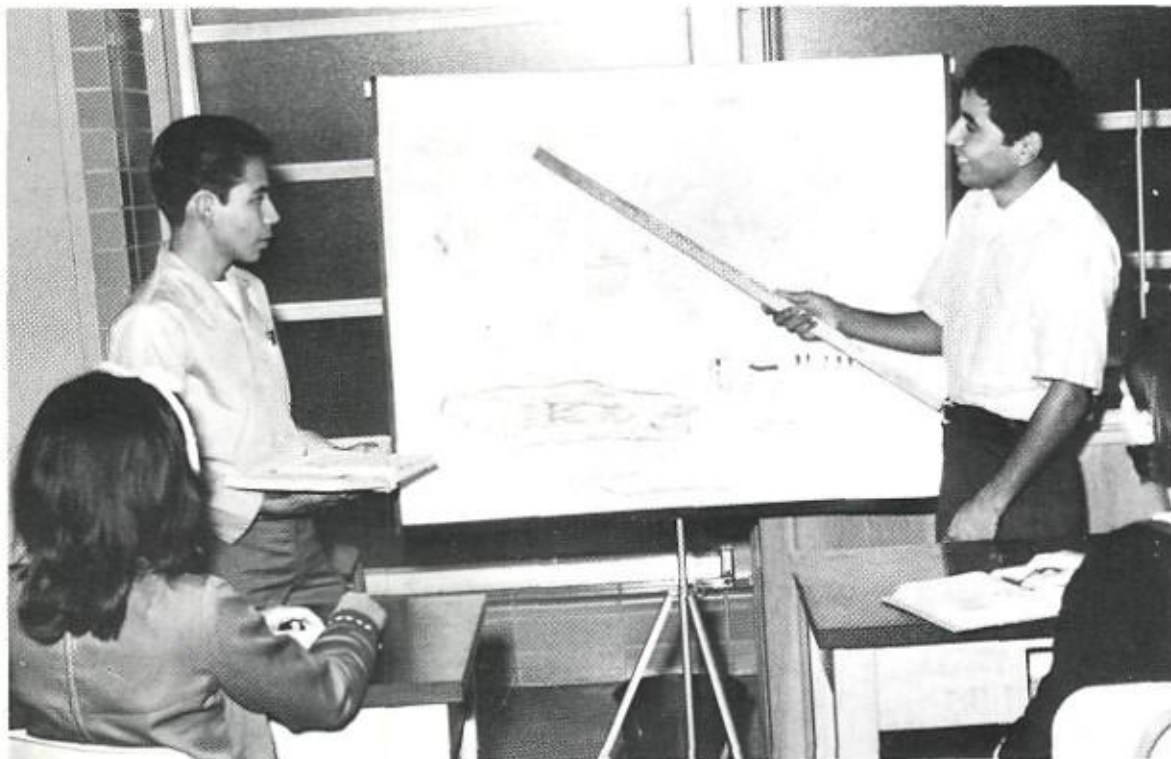


Florence Fernandez and David Burleson straighten a historical display for Mrs. Doris Hays' American history class.





Taking timed writings in typing class are several students in Mrs. Elvia Trevino's first period class.



Alvaro Esquivel identifies the parts of a grasshopper for Pablo Garcia, Alicia Sepulveda, and Mary Trevino.





Simmey Wright, senior, cuts a piece of metal with an acetylene torch in the Ag building.



Mr. Darrell Kinnard, Ag teacher, strikes a pose.



Nancy Wallace and Margaret Swanzey welcome Mrs. Antonio Elizondo, school board member, to the Pan American tea.



# 'Up With People' Is Theme Of Sing Out



Sing Out cast members featured "Up With People" and a patriotic theme before a standing room only audience and television camera.



Rehearsing for the first Sing Out program are musicians Ken Schill, Greg Solether, Doug Thompson, and Jimmy Payne.

Weslaco's Sing Out hit the Valley with a new explosion of enthusiasm and patriotism. Destroying the stereo-typed image of drug-addicted, card-burning teenagers, WHS Sing Out members expressed their ideas and beliefs on America, democracy and people in general. Expressed to modern and moving music, cast members sounded their spirited eruption against "hatred, fear, and greed." Rushing on stage and exploding into song with a spirit from within, Weslaco Sing Out rocked the state with its new modern beat and the new enthusiastic message of UP WITH PEOPLE! Presenting two civic performances in Weslaco, performing before numerous clubs and organizations up and down the Valley, and completing a five day state-wide tour during March 27-31, in addition to appearing via tape in Austin, Houston, and Viet Nam, Weslaco Sing Out broadcast its message of "commitment to God and country" to thousands.





Jimmy Green, narrator of the Sing Out group, reads a soldier's letter as Beth Ussery, Darla Burton, Wendy Haverfield, Donna Michalk, Mary Ellen Payne, Cathy Ligon, and Dee Ann Moore hum "Brave War" in the background.



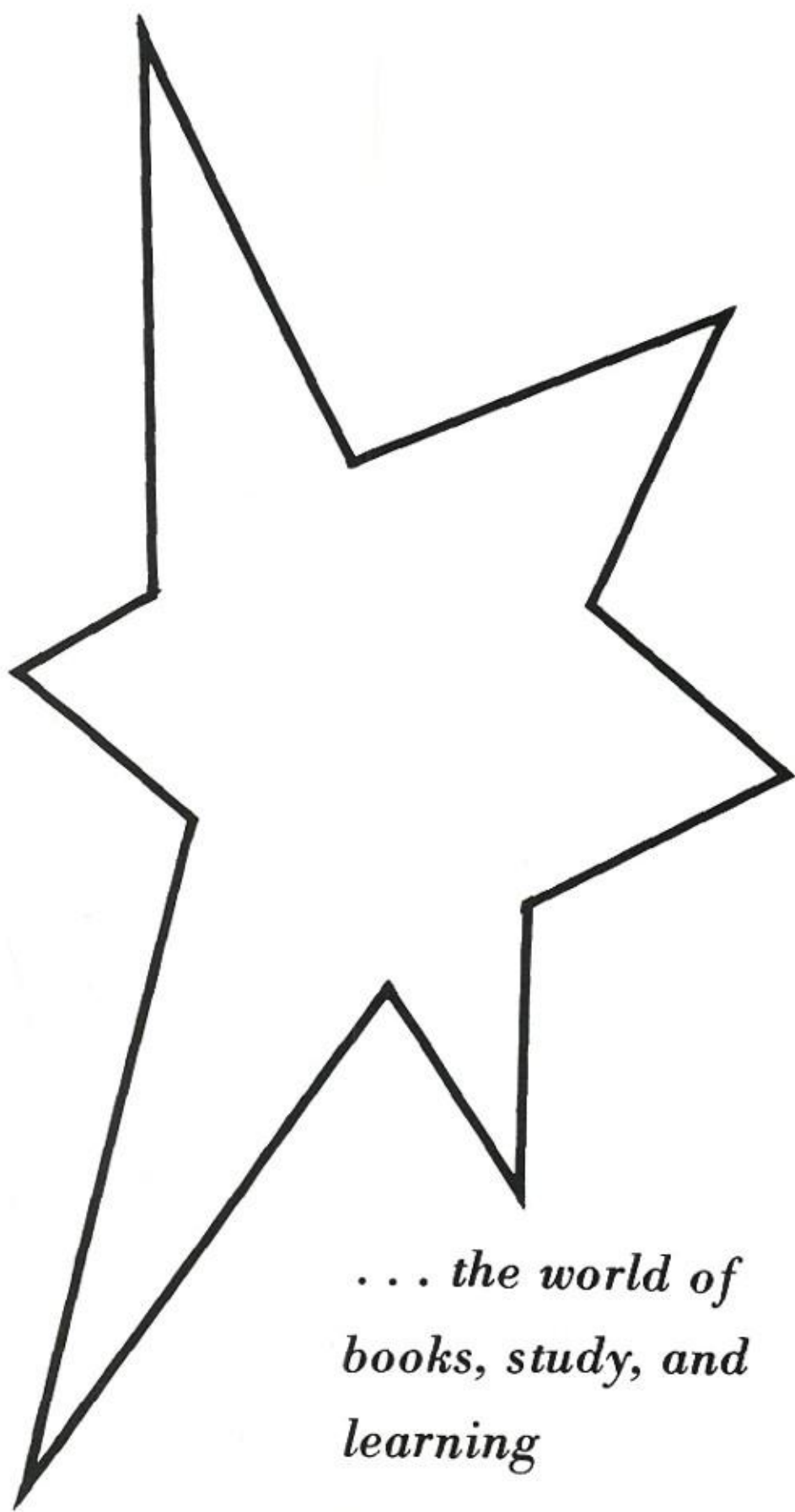
Ronnie McManus sings a solo in "What Color Is God's Skin." With him are Merrie Frost, David Bennett, and Dale Free.



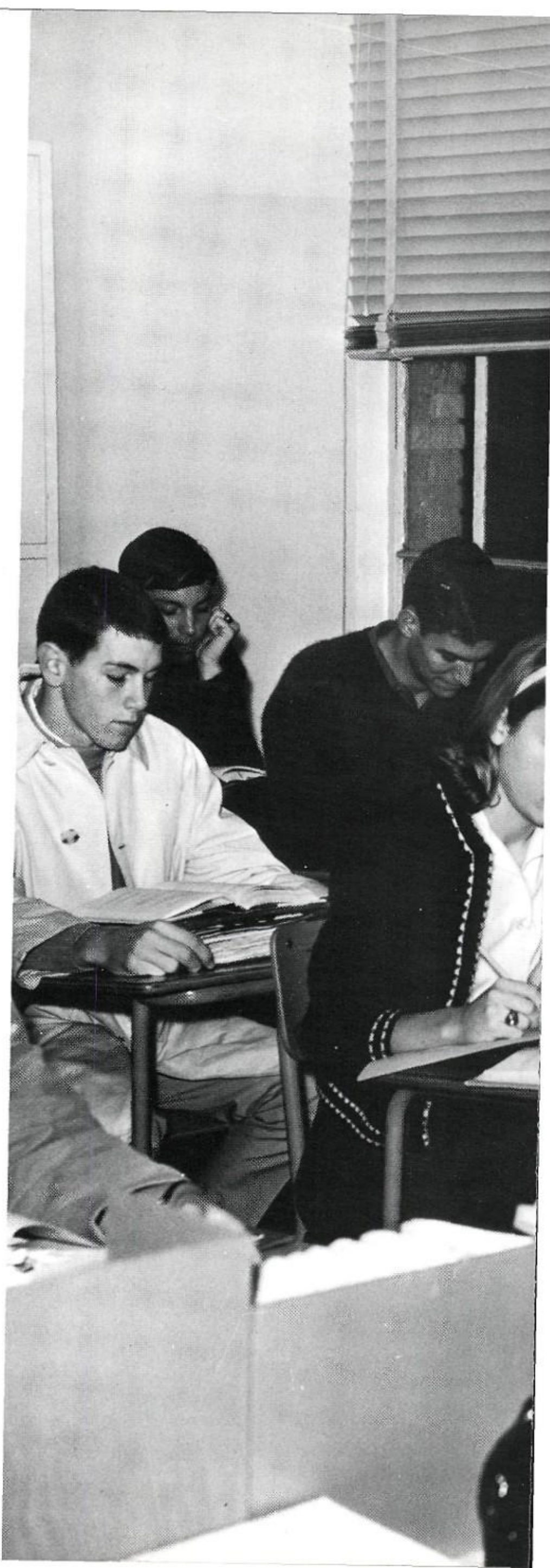
Mrs. Jo Ann Free and several of the Sing Out members discuss their first performance to which the public was invited. The group played to packed houses.



## *Classes*



*... the world of  
books, study, and  
learning*











## *Senior Officers*

Senior class officers are Margaret Swanzey, secretary; Yolanda Salinas, Student Senate representative; Vicente Sanchez, Student Senate representative; Barbara Graham, Student Senate representative; Andrea Villarreal, vice-president; Alicia Espinosa, president; and Nellie Sue Garza, treasurer.

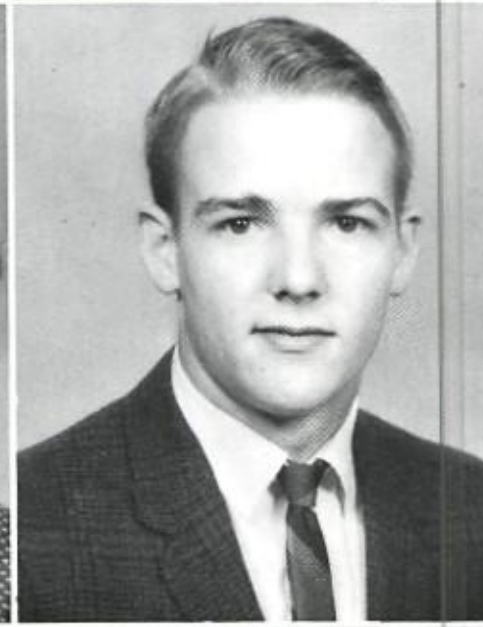


# *We Were Finally Seniors*

Adame, Armando  
Aguirre, Johnny  
Almaguer, Maria Delfina



Almaguer, Roble  
Arredondo, Raul Jr.  
Bachelder, Mike Robert



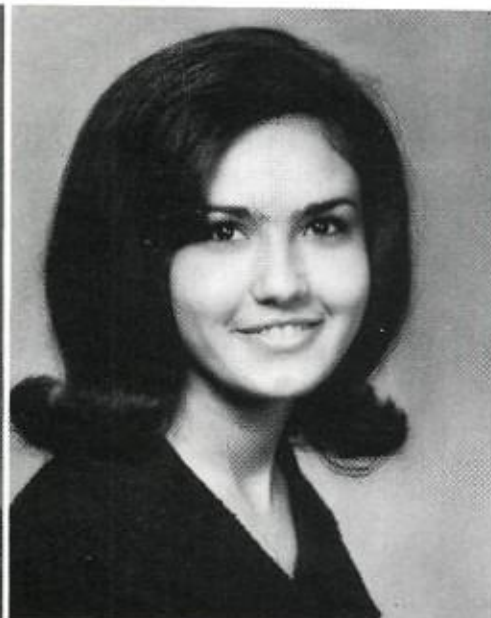
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Bautista, Antonia (Tony)  
Bradford, Tommy Lee



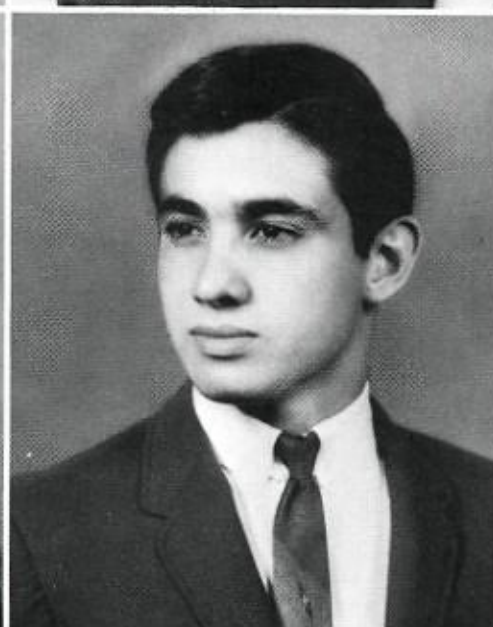
Brown, Lew Douglas  
Buentello, Ib  
Bugarin, Elvira



# *There Were...*



Bullion, Jeanne Lavon  
Caballero, Virginia  
Cadena, Teresita



Callaway, Barbara Jo  
Campos, Robert  
Cantu, Charles

Casanova, Norma Alicia  
Casanova, Sonia  
Castaneda, Pablo Jr.

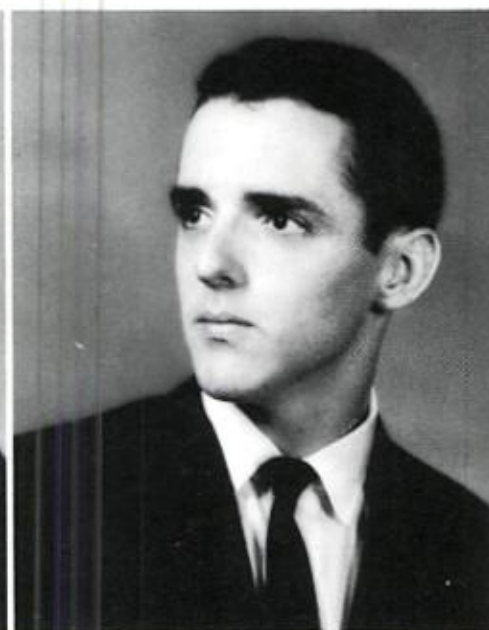


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Cerde, Juanita  
Clay, Ann Stillwell





Colvin, Lynn Bryan  
Cortez, Armando  
Crawford, Ronald Frank



Cross, Robert Wayne  
Cuellar, Sylvia Jean  
Cummings, Carole



## *Decisions To Make...*



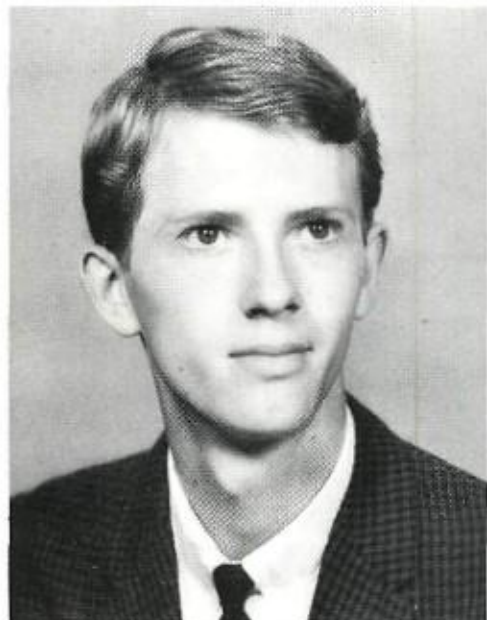
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DeLeon, Oralia



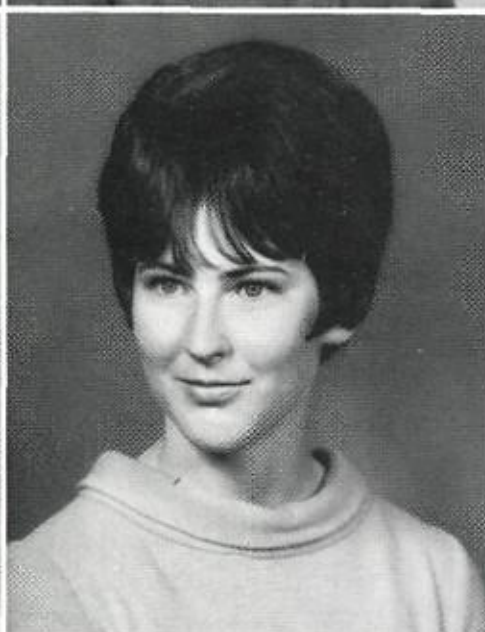
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Downing, Andrew III  
Drake, Olen Bryan



# *English IV To Pass...*



Eggleston, Ronnie  
Elizondo, Antonia  
Espinoza, Alicia



Flores, Linda  
Ford, Marsha  
Garcia, Abram

Garcia, Herlinda  
Garcia, Martin  
Garcia, Ruben



Garrett, Richard  
Garza, Bertha Gloria  
Garza, Blanca Oralia





Garza, Maria Elma  
Garza, Nelda Suzanne  
(Nellie Sue)  
Garza, Noe



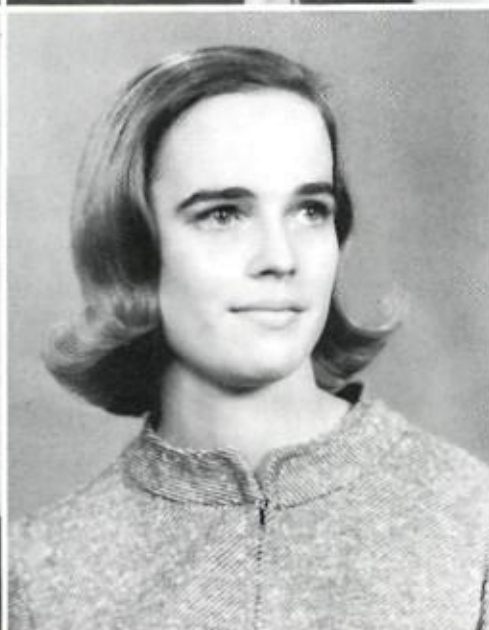
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Gomez, Dolores Pena  
Gomez, Ricardo



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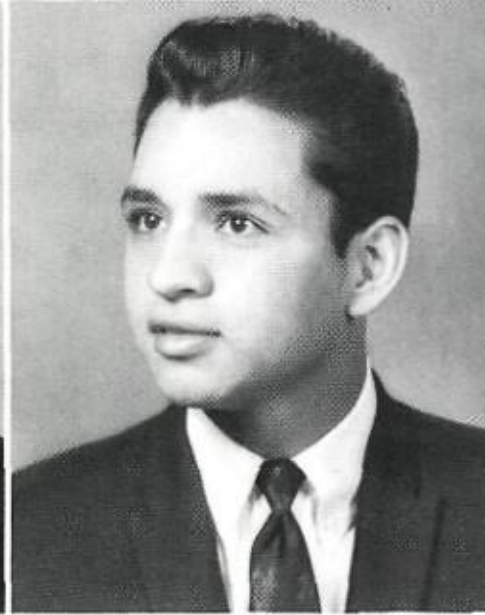
Gonzales, Diana  
Gonzalez, Francisco Jr.  
Gorhum, Ella Ray



Gracia, Maria del Carmen  
Graham, Barbara Jean  
Green, James Ernest  
(Jimmy)



# Entrance Exams To Take...



Guajardo, Maria Francisca  
Guajardo, Raul  
Guerra, Ernestina

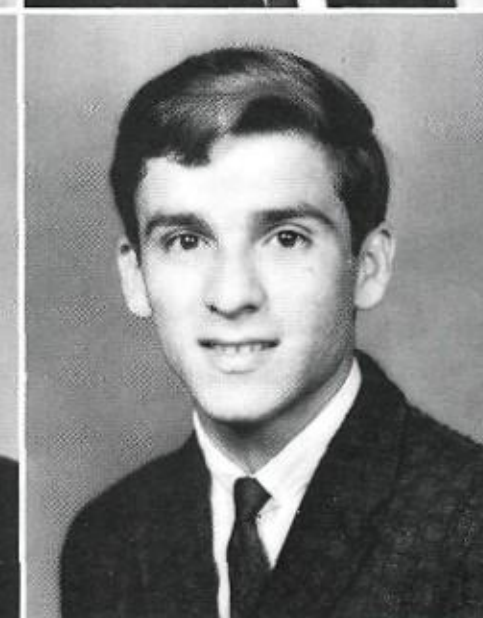
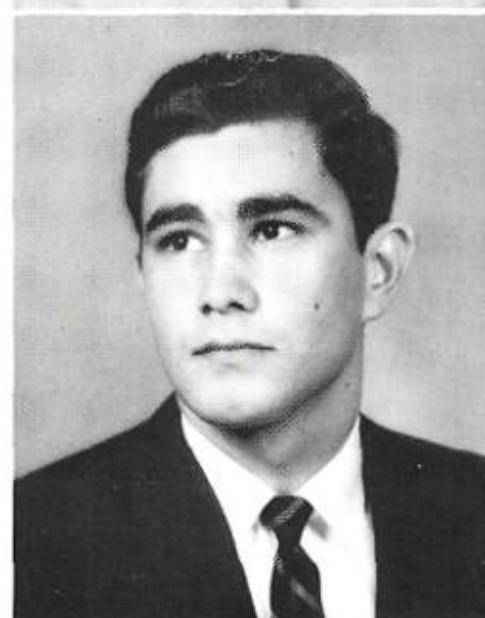


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Heck, Brenda Joyce  
Henry, Mary Esther

Hensel, Trudy Ann  
Hernandez, Jesus  
Hernandez, Nestor

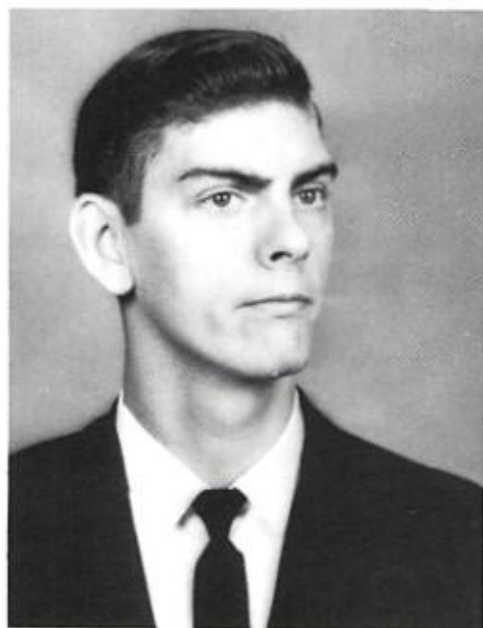


Herrera, Richard  
Hinojosa, Armando  
Hinojosa, Joel





Huefner, Thomas John  
Johnson, Kenneth Sidney Jr.  
Johnston, Roy Alan



Jones, Glen Harris  
(Penny)  
King, Debbie Sue  
Kolvik, Rita



## *Transcripts And Applications To Fret...*



Ledesma, Albino  
Ledesma, Luis Jr.  
Ligon, Anita Kay



Linderman, Susan  
Luera, Adelina  
Lugo, Maria Graciela



# *Exemptions To Work For.....*

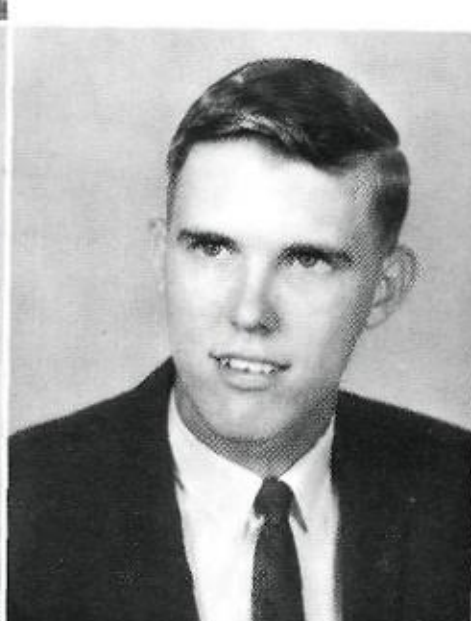
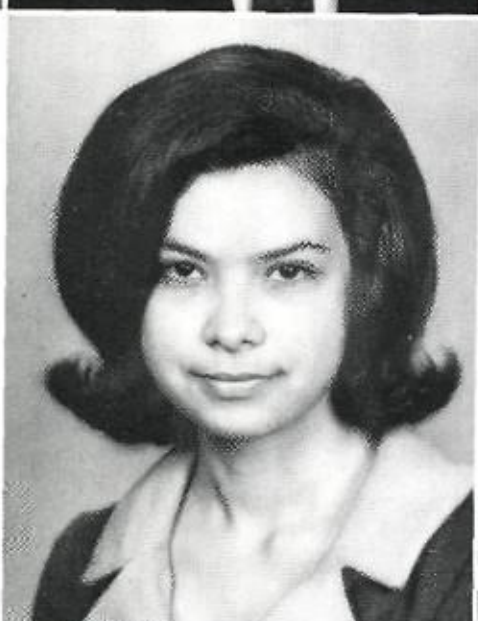


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Maldonado, Alicia  
Maldonado, Jesus

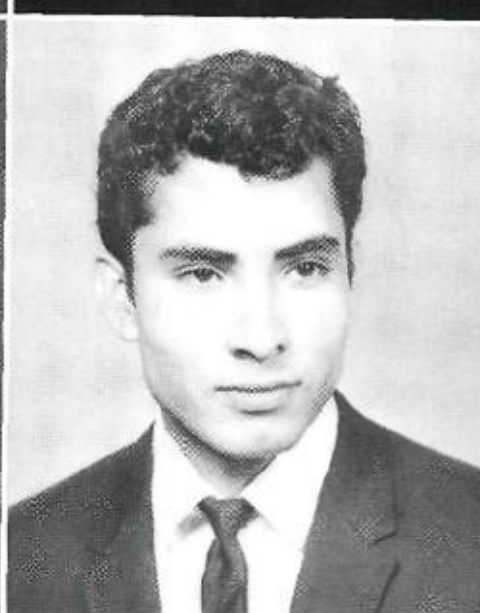


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Matamoras, Francisca  
McDaniel, James Edward

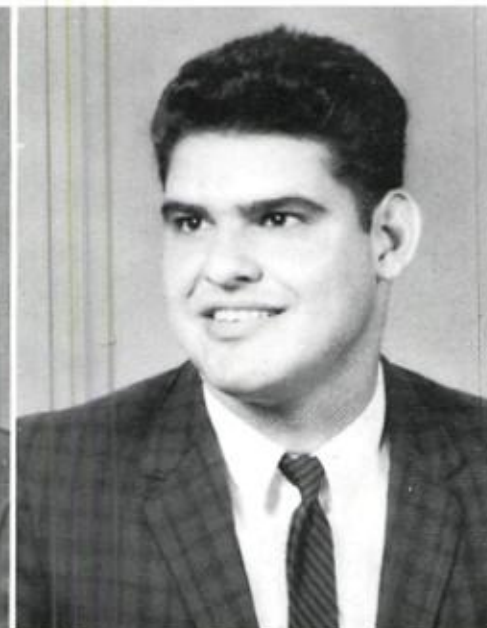
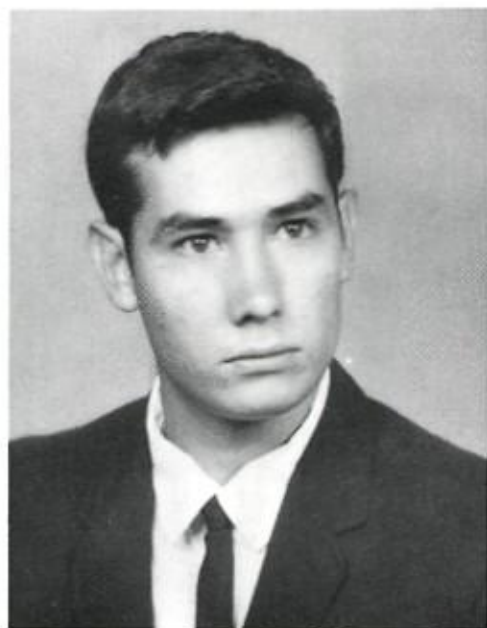


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Miller, George

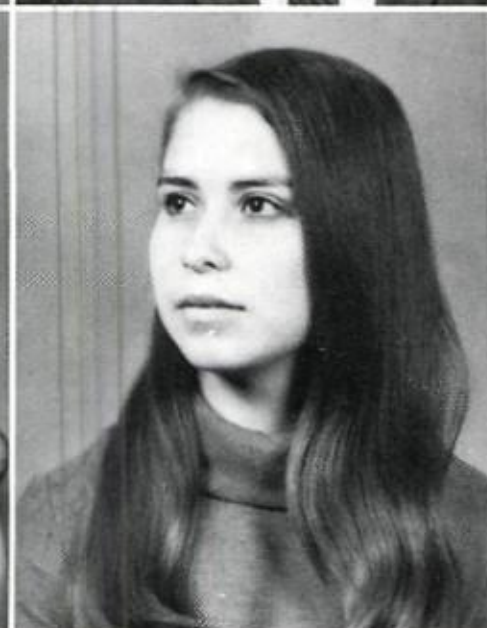




Molina, Jose Juan  
Noriega, Andres  
Noriega, Juan



Oglevee, Allan Craig  
Olivarez, Micaela  
Ortiz, Oralia



## *Caps And Gowns To Order...*



Payne, Betsy Ann  
Perez, Armandina  
Perez, Mary



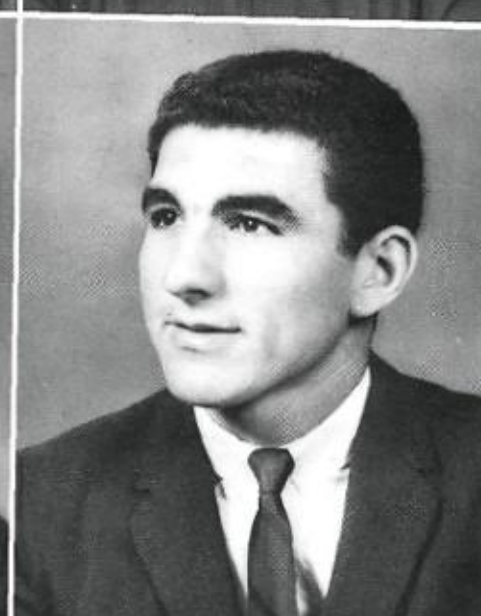
Pinaldez, Jose  
Porter, Albert Marie  
Putman, Marianne



## Parties To Attend....



Quintanilla, Susie  
Ramon, Norma  
Randolph, Janice Jean



Reyes, Juanita  
Reyes, Norma  
Reyna, Daniel  
(Danny)

Reyna, Janie  
Reyna, Robert  
Rivera, Jesus



Rivera, Petra  
Robledo, Jose  
Rodriguez, Elida





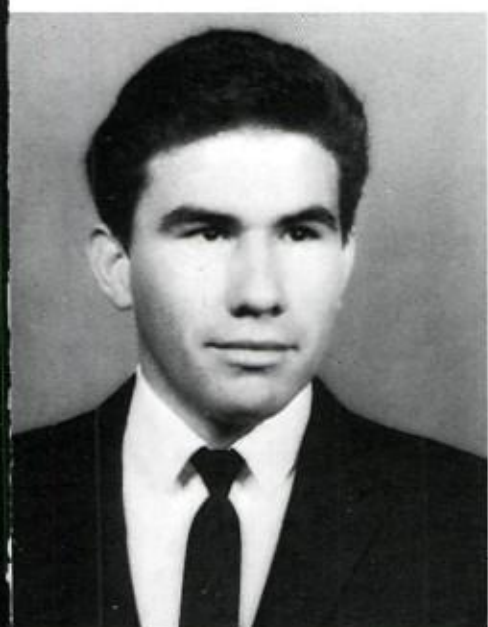
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Rodriguez, Luis  
Rodriguez, Maria Guadalupe



Rodriguez, Robert  
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Roe, Margaret Elizabeth



*And May 31 Really Came...*



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Salinas, Alfredo  
Salinas, Anita



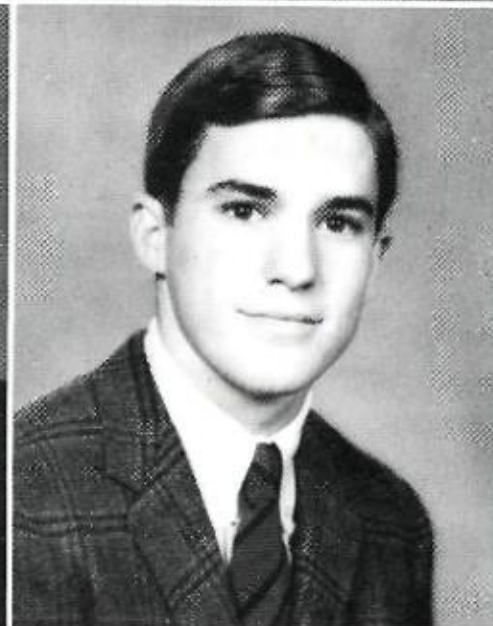
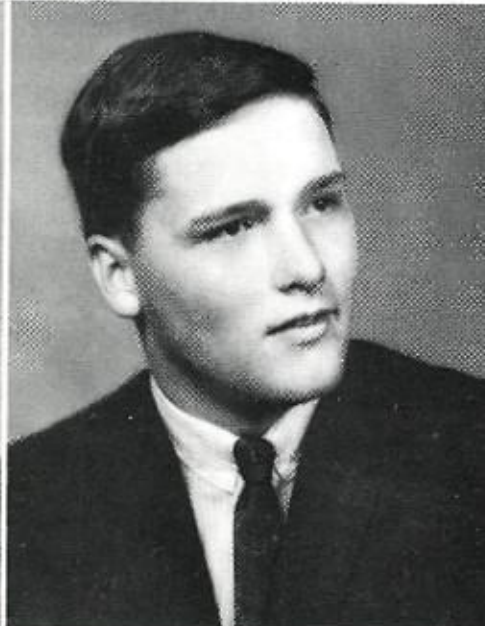
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Sanchez, Beulah



# *We Took A Big Step ...*

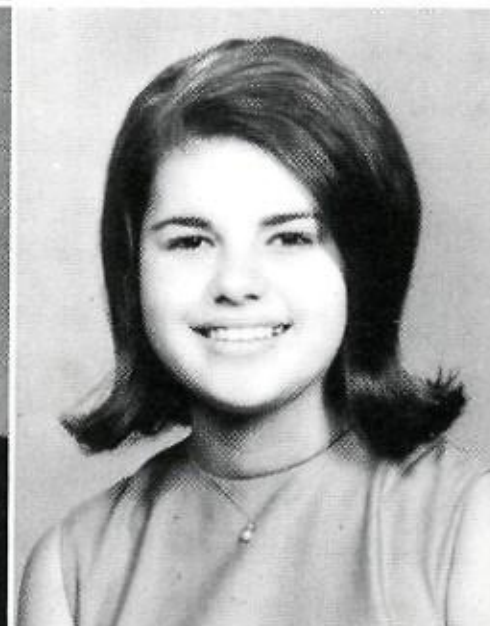
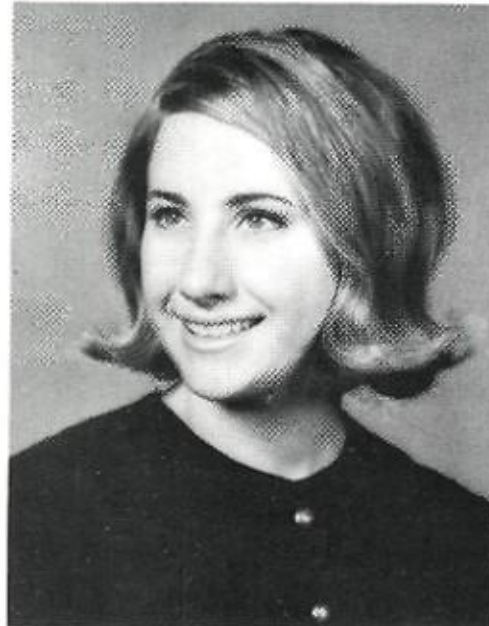


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Scott, Barbara Ann  
Seeber, Joanne



Sepulveda, Jose  
Smith, Howard Alan  
Solether, Robert McClellan

Swanzey, Margaret Ann  
Tisdale, Jim Nolan  
Tomlinson, Paula Jo



Torres, Pedro  
Ullrich, Marian Elizabeth  
Valdez, Josephine





Valdez, Violadelle Rivera  
Vance, Judi Mae  
Vasquez, Simona



Vela, Enedelia  
Vela, Jose  
Veltman, Marsha Marie  
Villarreal, Andrea



## *Toward Our Future*



Villarreal, Elsa Norma  
Waddell, David  
Wallace, Nancy Lou

Wilson, Larry Brant  
Wright, Simmey  
Ybarra, Mary Viola  
Zepeda, Arturo











Sober seniors have their grim days with college boards, exams, draft boards, and then there are other days when they go all out with characterizations, corn, and class activities. (upper left) Alan Smith dons his crazy Teddy expression for his part in the senior play. Senior twirlers wail as they bury a Donna Redskin at the mock funeral performed by band members during the noon hour.

Armando Hinojosa, portraying Dr. Einstein in the senior play, calms his nerves with a swig of "whiskey . . ." all part of the play, of course. Carol Meiners gets loaded down with senior playprops. (Above) Jim Tisdale and Raul Garza ham up a publicity shot for the Annual Halloween carnival with a fake tricycle race.





## *Junior Officers*

Junior class officers are Jim McMillian, Student Senate representative; Lidalia Rodriguez, vice-president; Enedelia Garza, treasurer; Ernest Ererking, president; Penny Talbert, Student Senate representative; Mary Nell Larson, Student Senate representative; and Becky Allen, secretary.



# *Juniors Have Busy Year . . .*

Aaron, Sandra  
Acevedo, Noel  
Aguirre, Maricela  
Alaniz, Domingo



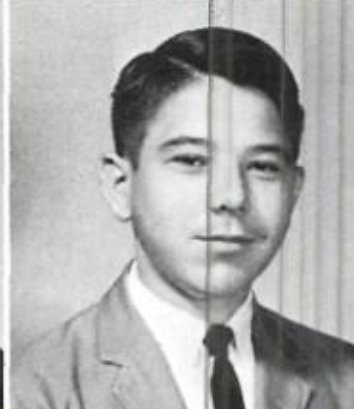
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Allen, Becky Marie  
Almanza, Marcos



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Anderson, Phyllis Donelle  
Argueta, Estella  
Arredondo, Elida



Arredondo, Sulema  
Ayala, Castulo  
Bachelder, Patrick  
Balli, Vidal  
(Billy)



Bautista, Mary Ellen  
Bernal, San Juana  
(Janie)  
Bullion, Gary  
Burton, Darla



Campbell, Scott  
Canales, George  
Cantu, Juanita  
Cardenas, Daniel





# Homecoming Activities . . .



Cardenas, Wilbert  
Cardona, Irma  
Cardosa, Sofia  
Carreon, Joe



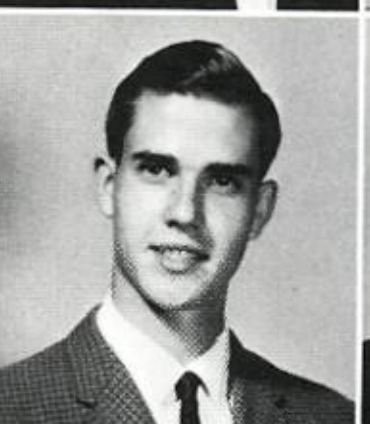
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Cedillo, Alicia  
Cerda, Annie



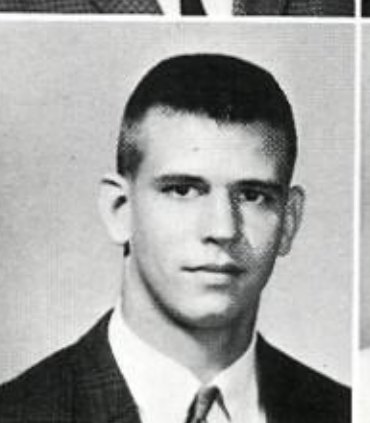
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Chavez, Maria del Carmen  
Ciomperlik, Gloria  
Collinsworth, Troy



Cortez, Guadalupe  
Cortez, Mary  
Cuellar, Armando, Jr.  
Daye, Thomas Howard



Dean, Barry  
De la Garza, Eugene  
Del Campo, Clemente  
Del Toro, Jose



Donalson, David Mat  
Elizondo, Daniel  
Ellison, Vicki  
Esquivel, Alvaro



## Mums To Sell . . .

Fernandez, Florence  
Flores, Moises  
Flowers, Judson  
Frantz, Klee



Frerking, Ernest  
Frost, Joye  
Fulcher, Jimmy  
Galvan, Minerva



Garcia, Joe Jr.  
Garcia, Jose Luis  
Garcia, Margarita  
Garcia, Mary Ellen



Garza, Carlos  
Garza, David  
Garza, Enedelia  
Garza, Mary Alice



Garza, Mary Dalia  
Garza, Melva  
Garza, Ofelia  
Gatton, Mary Catherine  
(Cathy)



Gonzalez, Antonio  
Gonzalez, Felipa  
Gonzalez, Hilda  
Gonzalez, Mary Elizabeth





## Measuring For Rings . . .



Gonzalez, Nellie  
Gonzalez, Oralia  
Gracia, Antonio  
Grimaldo, Juan



Guerra, Mary  
Gutierrez, Gregorio  
Hall, Dana  
Hansen, Janet



Haverfield, Wendy  
Hernandez, Joe  
Hernandez, San Juana  
Hernandez, Teresa



Johnson, Clair  
Kelly, Colleen  
Larson, Mary Nell  
Latigo, Gerado



Leach, Paul  
Ligon, Mary Catherine  
(Cathy)  
Lopez, Esequiel  
Lyles, Truman Roy



McCaleb, Theresa  
McDaniel, Donald  
McDaniel, Maurice  
McManus, Ronnie



# *Big Day For Class Of '69...*

McWhorter, Mona  
Maldonado, Elizabeth  
Maldonado, Ninfa  
Margo, Maria Teresa



Martinez, Alma  
Martinez, Jose Jr.  
Martinez, Lorenza  
Martinez, Lydia



Martinez, Maria Elena  
Martinez, Raul  
Mattar, Mike  
Mendez, Elma Maria



Meza, Juan  
Michalk, Donna  
Miller, Ralph  
Molina, Juanita



Montalvo, Guadalupe  
Moore, Dee Ann  
Moreno, Arturo  
Mungia, Josefina

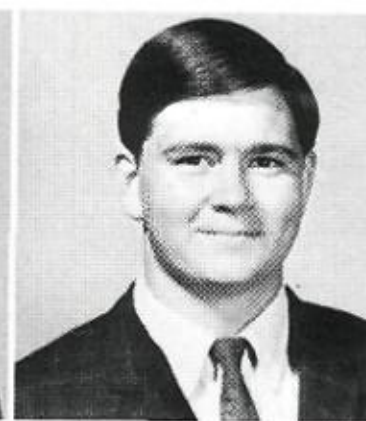
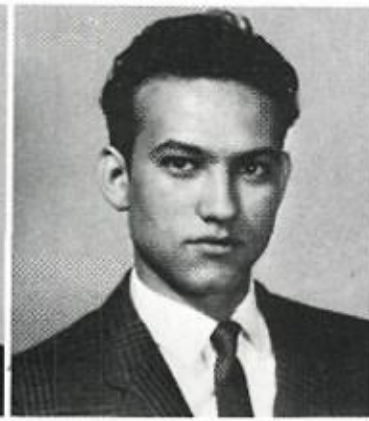


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Ozuna, Damian  
Payne, Mary Ellen  
Payne, James  
(Jimmy)

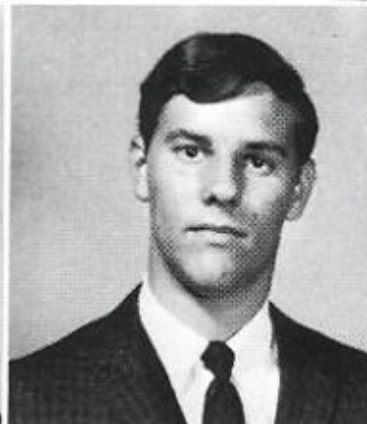




## Prom Week . . .



Pena, George  
Pena, Juan  
Perez, Cecilia  
Pickard, Robert Larry



Powell, Susan  
Purl, Linda  
Rakestraw, Kenneth  
Ramirez, Dora



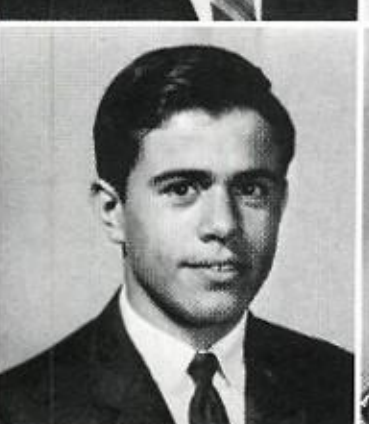
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Randolph, Patricia  
Reynoso, Paulo  
Rios, Carmen



Rios, Victor  
Roberts, Victoria  
Robinson, Sharon  
Rodriguez, Alfredo



Rodriguez, Elida  
Rodriguez, Horacio  
Rodriguez, Lidalia  
Rodriguez, Mary



Rodriguez, Mary Ann  
Rodriguez, Richard  
Ruiz, Olga  
Salud, Dalia

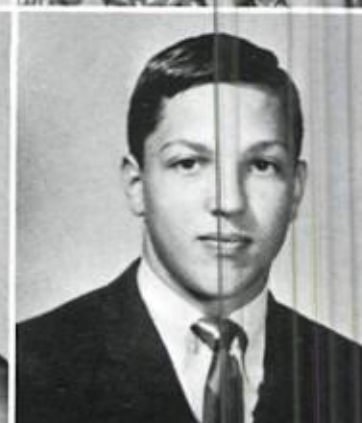


## Hectic But Happy . . .

Schill, Ken  
Segundo, Maria  
Sepulveda, Elma  
Serna, Gloria



Silva, Diane  
Silva, Elizabeth  
Solether, Gregory  
Stanford, Lillian



Talbert, Penelope  
(Penny)  
Thompson, Douglas  
Torres, Maria  
Toscano, Maria Armandina



Treadaway, David  
Trejo, Juan  
Trevino, Adela  
Trevino, Blanca



Trevino, Jane  
Trevino, Mary  
Trevino, Rosalinda  
Triplett, John



Ussery, Elizabeth  
(Beth)  
Valdes, Nelson  
Valdez, Arturo  
Vargas, Lupita





## Planning For College . . .



Vasquez, Mary  
Vasquez, Pedro  
Vela, Rosa Maria  
Vidalez, Mary



Villarreal, Juan  
Villarreal, Leonides  
(Leo)  
Villarreal, Marta  
Villarreal, Miguel



Webber, Ida  
Whitley, David  
Wood, Cedric  
Woodward, Elaine



Wright, Brenda  
Ybarra, Ramona  
Zamora, Anna  
Zurlo, Harold



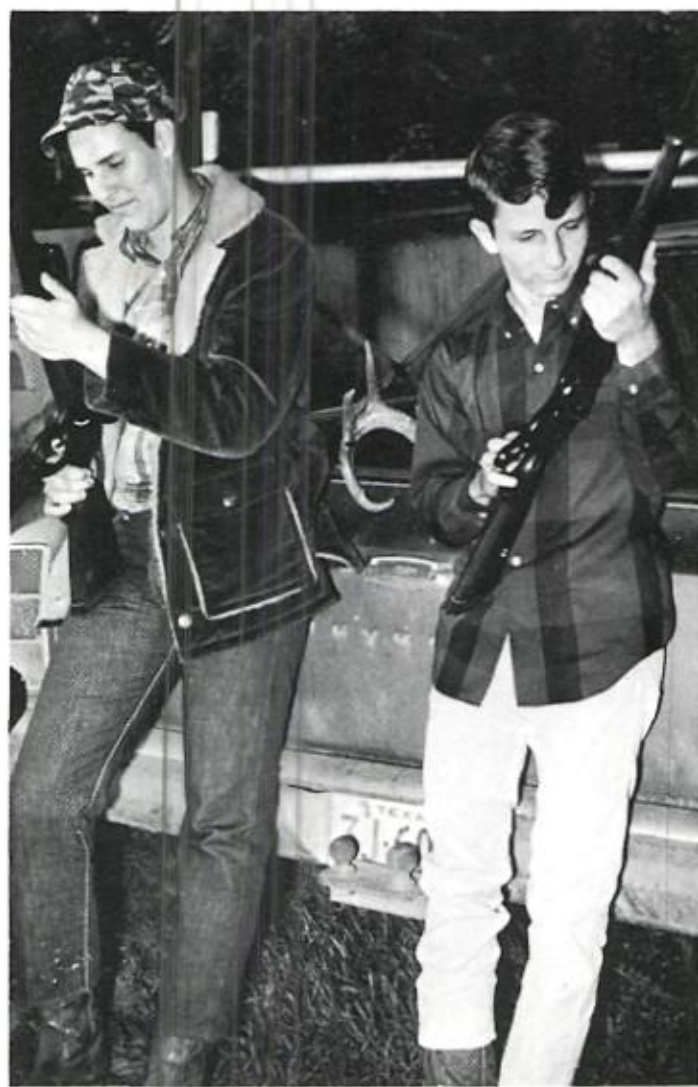
## Important Step In Life



When it's powderpuff time on campus the girls don shorts and jerseys to show the boys how football can be played. This shot of Vicki Roberts, Darla Burton, Sandra Aaron, Lee Villarreal, Elaine Woodward, Nita Dickerson and Sharon Robinson is evidence of enthusiasm generated.



Arranging palm branches for a Christmas nativity scene at the First Methodist Church are juniors Mat Donalson and Brenda Wright.



Ready for hunting during the holidays are Ken Rakestraw and Troy Collinsworth.





## *Sophomore Officers*

Sophomore officers are John Cain, Student Senate representative; Jerry Steger, treasurer; Julia Quintero, vice-president; Rosalinda Jasso, president; and Patti Stephens, Student Senate representative.

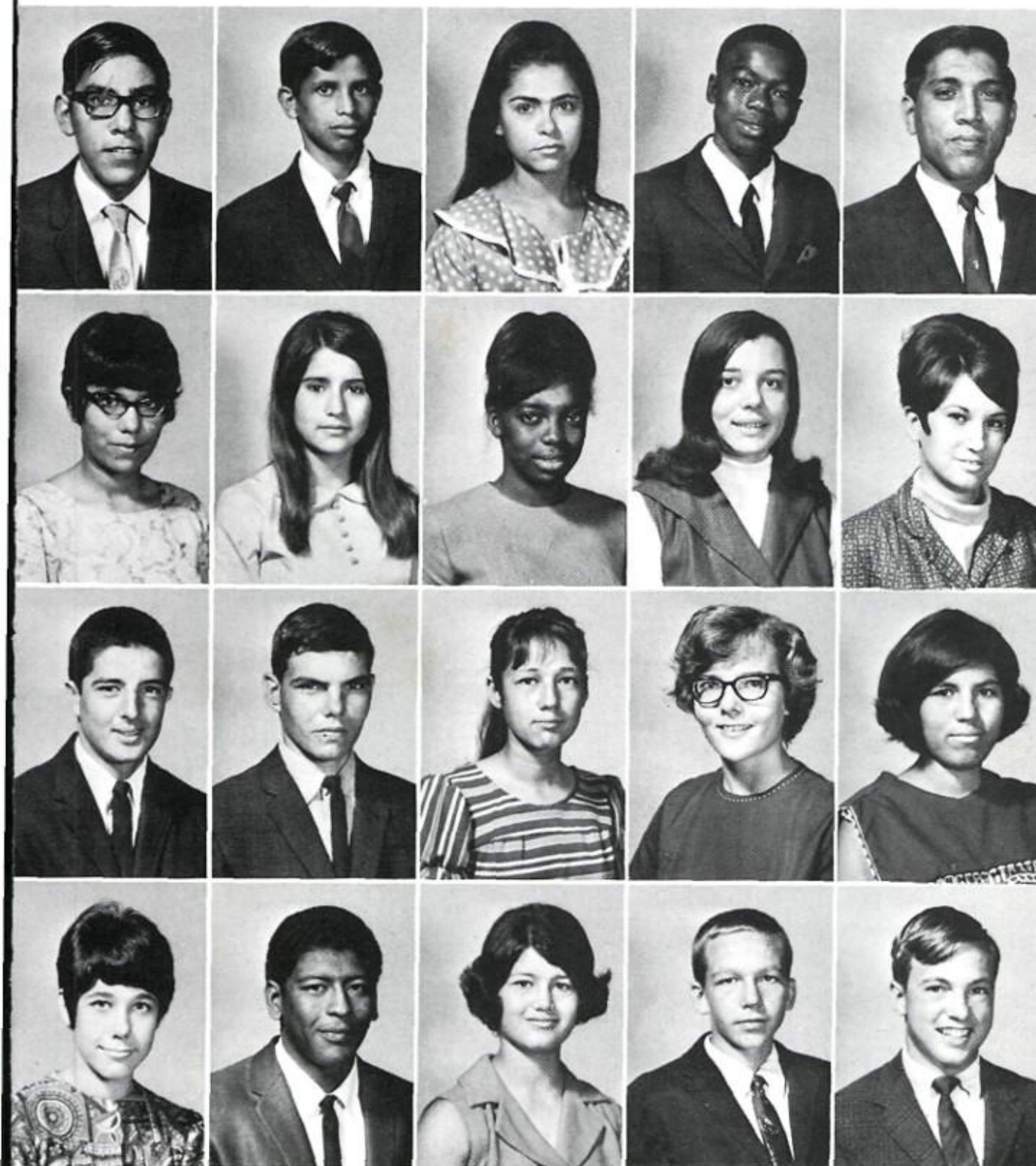


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 Aguayo, Juanita  
 Aguilar, Janie  
 Aldrete, Maria Guadalupe  
 Alejandro, Maria



Alexander, Robert  
 Almaguer, Elida  
 Andersen, Linda  
 Anderson, Joan  
 Aparicio, Maria

## *Sophs Belong 'A Little More' . . .*



Argueta, Edward  
 Armendariz, Juan  
 Arredondo, Filomena  
 Austin, Bernard  
 Avalos, Arturo

Baez, Irma  
 Balboa, Felicitas  
 Barker, Rochelle  
 Barnes, Peggy  
 Bell, Nancy

Benitez, Hector  
 Blair, Mark  
 Blanco, Carolina  
 Bradford, Peggy  
 Briones, Abeldia

Brown, Karen  
 Brown, Leon  
 Buentello, Mireya  
 Bullion, Bobby  
 Cain, John W.



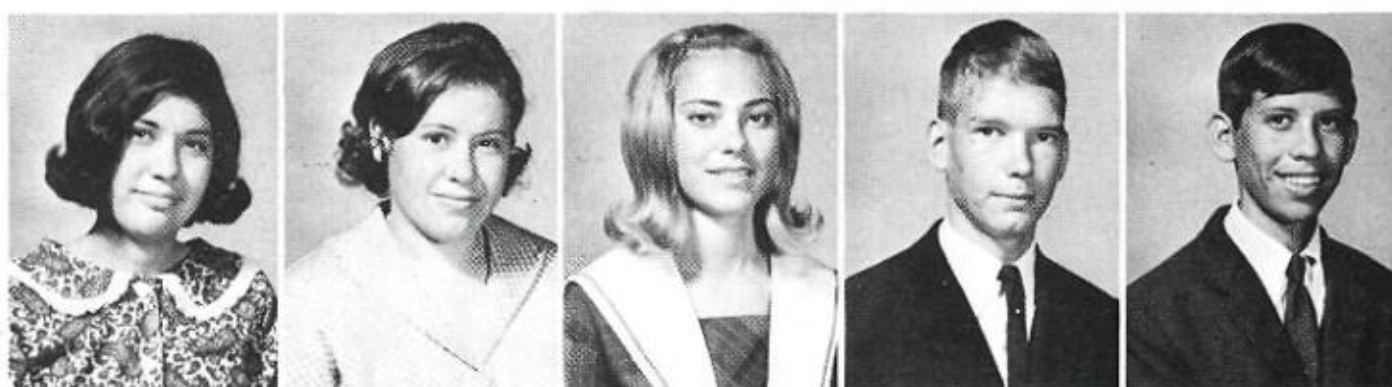


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Cannon, Chris  
Cano, Ninfa  
Cardenas, George

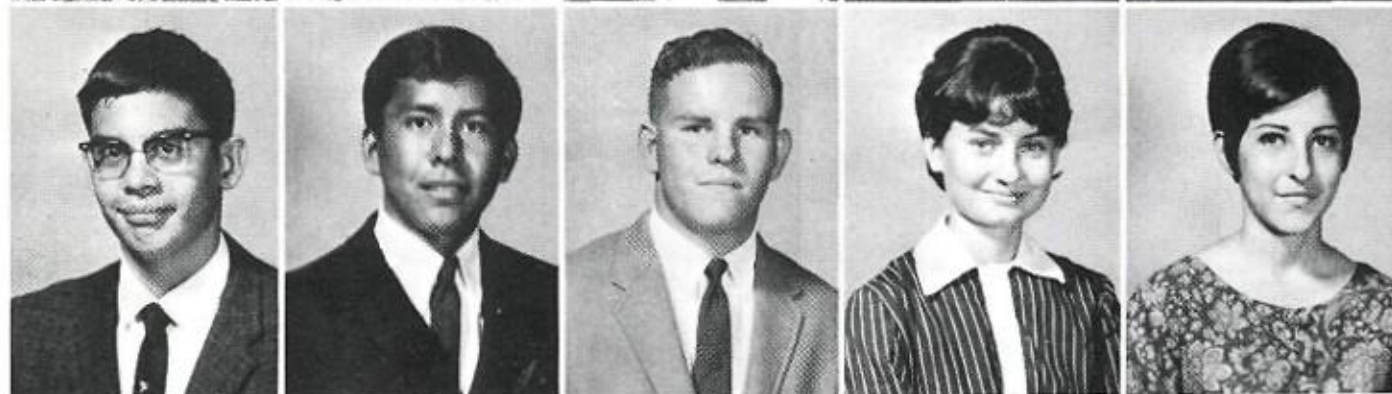
Cardenas, Rosalie  
Casanova, Yolanda  
Castaneda, Juan  
Castro, Juan  
Cavazos, Maria Estella

## *Catch On To The System . . .*

Cavazos, Mary Jane  
Cavazos, Vicenta  
Chandler, Janis  
Connor, Mike  
Coronado, Robert



Correa, Rene  
Cortez, Juan  
Couch, Bill  
Cross, Phyllis  
Cuellar, Maggie



Cuellar, Sylvia  
Davis, Gary  
Dean, Kathleen  
(Kathy)  
Deer, Pamela  
de la Fuente, Yvonne



de la Garza, Eloy  
de la Rosa, Angel  
de Leon, Rosie  
de Leon, Virginia  
Delgado, Jose



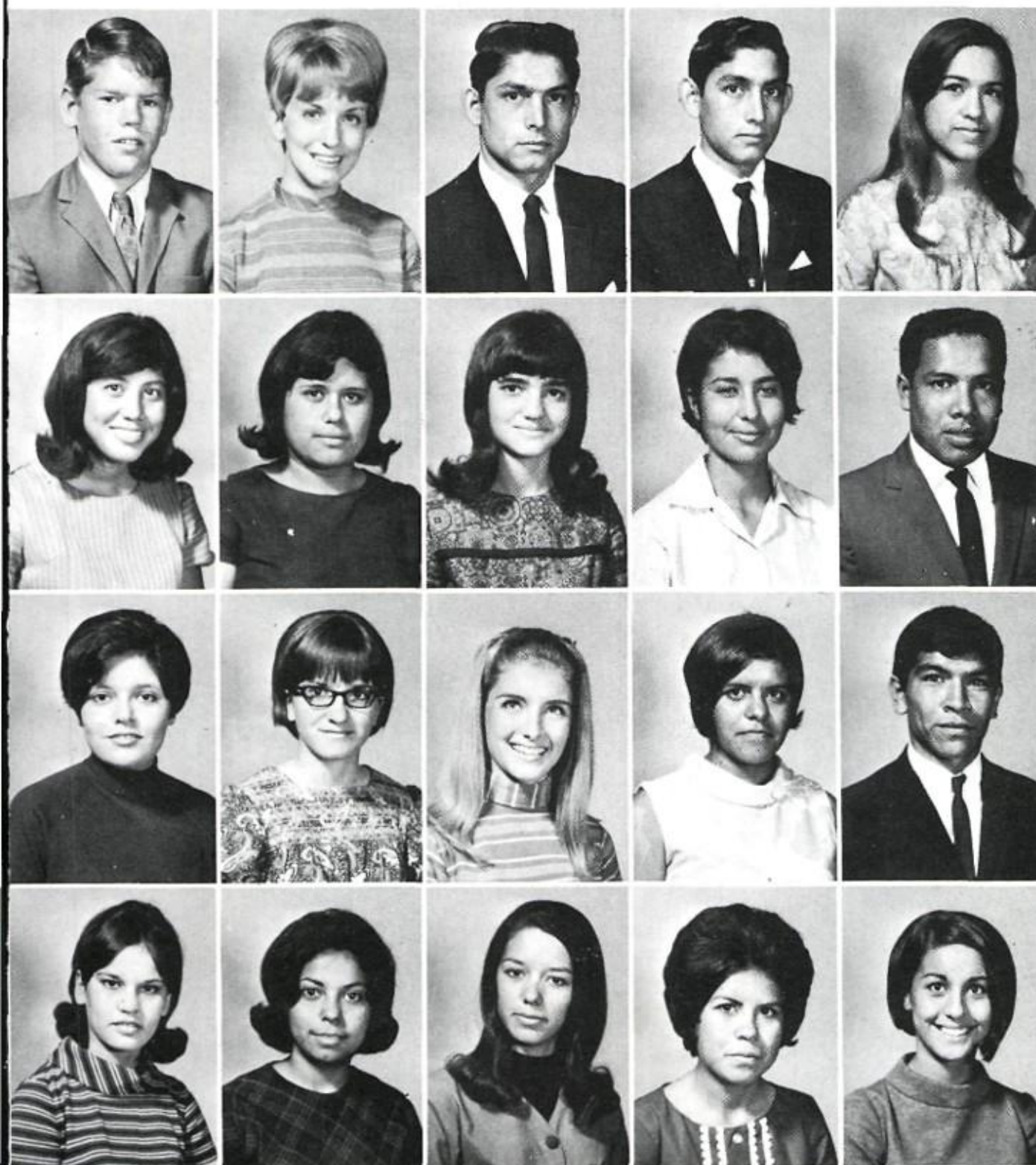


Delgado, Sergio  
Diaz, Estela  
Diaz, Guadalupe  
(Lupita)  
Diaz, Ismael  
Dickerson, Andrea



Dodd, Barry  
Easley, Melody  
Eggleston, Kathy  
Elizondo, Epifanio  
Elizondo, Minerva

## *Sink Into A Groove . . .*



Ellison, John  
Engle, Mary Katherine  
(Kathy)  
Escalon, Frank Jr.  
Escalon, Henry  
Escobar, Norma

Espinoza, Mary  
Espinoza, Nancy  
Fernandez, Linda  
Flores, Esmeralda  
Flores, Juan

Flores, Sonia  
Fortenberry, Jennefer  
Frase, Roxanne  
Gamboa, Louisa  
Gamez, Samuel

Garcia, Diane  
Garcia Elida  
Garcia, Esmeralda  
Garcia, Estella  
Garcia, Esther





Garcia, Hermila  
Garcia, Herminia  
Garcia, Juan  
Garcia, Juanita  
Garcia, Pablo

Garcia, Rosa  
Garcia, Sylvia  
Garcia, Willfred  
Garrett, Diana  
Garza, Ninfa

## *Take Tests By The Jillions . . .*

Goeser, James Allen  
Gonzalez, Arnulfo  
Gonzalez, Glenda  
Gonzales, Gloria  
Gonzales, Juana



Gonzalez, Maria  
Gonzalez, Roberto  
Gonzalez, Rojelio  
Gonzalez, Susan  
Gonzalez, Olga



Gracia, Noemi  
Graham, Jerry  
Gray, Carol  
Gray, David  
Gross, Susan

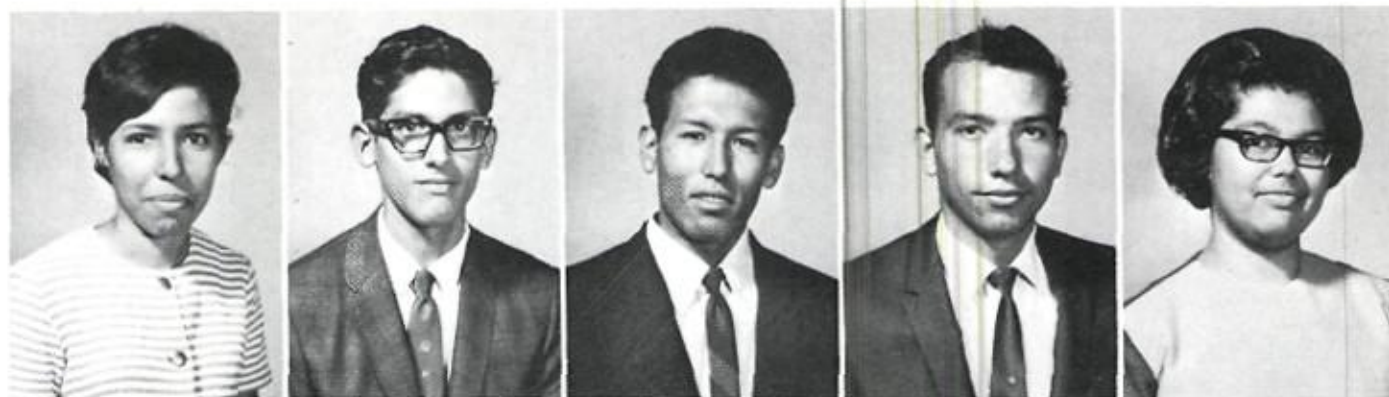


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Harrison, Pamela  
Hartzell, Kathleen  
Hefley, Diane  
Hernandez, Alejos





Hernandez, Beatriz  
Hernandez, Fernando  
Hernandez, Juan  
Hinojosa, Meliton  
Hinojosa, Olga



Hinojosa, Roel  
Hinojosa, Sylvia  
Huerta, Lucila  
(Lucy)  
Jasso, Rosalinda  
Jenkins, Randy



## *Undergird The Panthers . . .*



Joaquin, Belinda  
Karcher, David  
Knowles, Tania  
Lancaster, Karen  
Ledesma, Felipe



Ligon, Steve  
Linderman, Christie  
Lopez, Alvaro  
Lopez, Estefana  
Lopez, Jose



Lopez, Lydia  
Lopez, Magda  
Lopez, Petra  
Lozano, Linda  
Luera, Sylvia



Luna, Robert  
Lyles, Joyce  
Maldonado, Gloria  
Maldonado, Jose  
Maldonado, Viola





Marquez, Rosalinda  
Martinez, John D.  
Martinez, Maria  
Martinez, Pedro  
Martinez, Romeo

Mata, Rene  
Matamoras, Leonicia  
McDaniel, Esther  
McFarland, Judy  
McManus, Mark Christian

## *Battle With Books . . .*

McWhorter, Tommy  
Mena, George  
Mendez, Norma  
Meza, Robert  
Michalk, Thomas



Molina, Luciano  
Mora, Margarita  
Moreno, Alicia  
Nelson, Connie  
Nichols, Linda



Ochoa, Zulema  
Olivarez, Minerva  
Ortega, Racheal  
Ozuna, Estela  
Padilla, Javier



Padilla, Maria Elma  
Panzer, Gregory  
Parker, Roy  
Payne, Kathy  
Pena, Estela





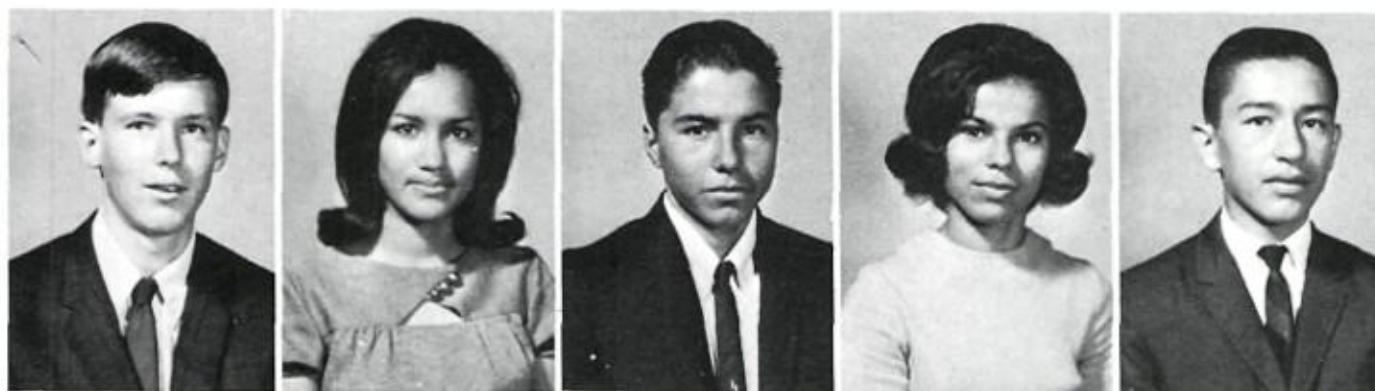
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Pinalez, Raul  
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 Potter, John  
 Pratt, Christi



## *Strive For Better Grades . . .*



Pullen, Mike  
 Quesada, Delfina  
 Quintanilla, Juan  
 Quintero, Julia  
 Ramon, Israel



Ramos, Guadalupe  
 Reyes, Elizabeth  
 Reyes, Janie  
 Reyes, Maria  
 Rico, Blanca



Riley, Mary  
 Rios, Dora  
 Rios, Rene  
 Rivera, Armando  
 Rivera, Consuelo



Rivera, Jose  
 Rivera, Maria Elena  
 Roark, Linda  
 Robledo, Israel  
 Rodriguez, Enrique





Rodriguez, Esmeralda  
Rodriguez, Eva  
Rodriguez, Gilberto  
Rodriguez, Gloria  
Rodriguez, Hermelinda

Rodriguez, Juan Jr.  
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Rodriguez, Maria H.  
Rogers, Gerald  
(Jerry)  
Roman, Antonio

## *Hope For NHS Membership . . .*

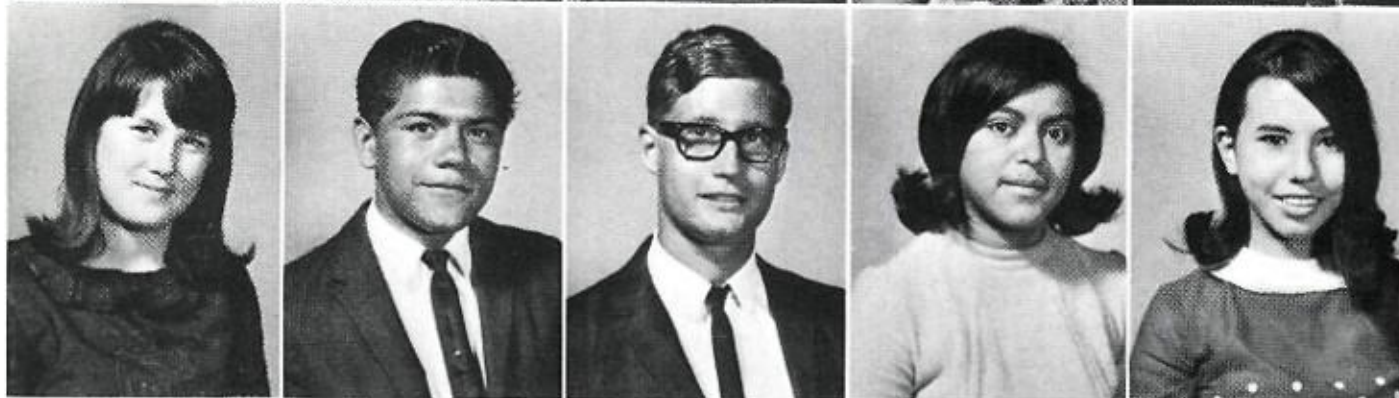
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Salinas, Maria



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Sanchez, Olga  
Sanchez, Robert



Sansing, Debbie  
Segundo, Juan  
Seils, Tommy  
Sepulveda, Alicia  
Sepulveda, Diane



Sepulveda, Isabel  
Sepulveda, Ruben  
Serna, Linda  
Shaw, Randy  
Shows, Kathy





Silva, Norma  
Smith, Ronald  
Steger, Jerry  
Stephens, Patti  
Stevenson, Tommy

*High there!*



Thomson, Barbara Luanne  
Torres, Connie  
Trevino, Enrique  
Trevino, Gloria  
Trevino, Isabel

## *Wish They Were Juniors . . .*



Trevino, Roy  
Turner, David  
Valdez, Ruben  
Valdez, Imelda  
Vargas, Maricela

Vasquez, Danny  
Vasquez, Gloria  
Vasquez, Irene  
Vasquez, Juanita  
Vasquez, Norma

Vela, Alicia  
Villanueva, Lourdes  
Villarreal, Guadalupe  
Villarreal, Hilda  
Villarreal, Josephine

Webber, Juan  
Wells, Richard  
White, Ruth Marie  
Wilson, Aline  
Wilson, Diane





Wolfe, Priscilla  
Wubbena, Rachel  
Ybarra, Lydia

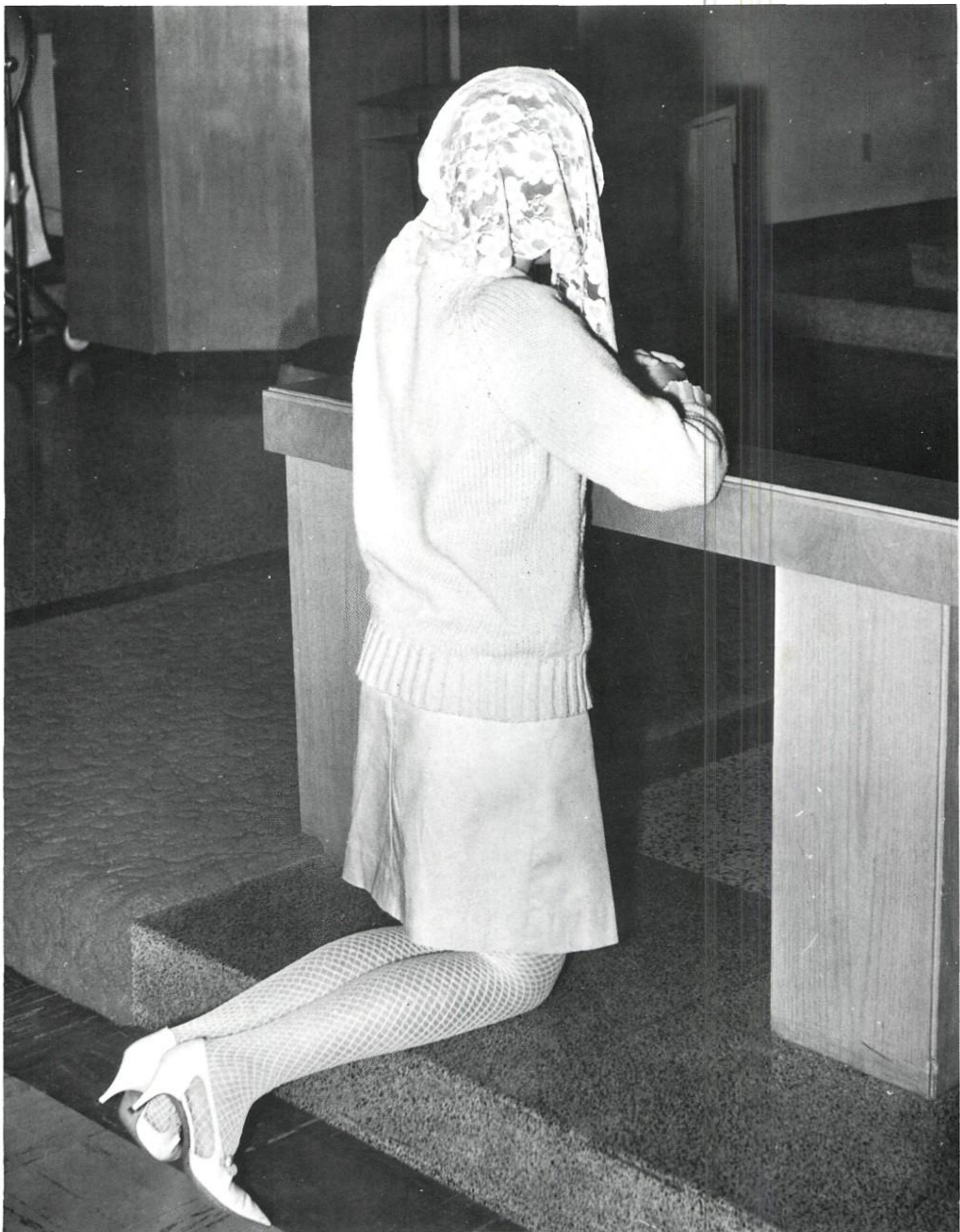
York, Doug  
Zamora, Guillermo

Pam Deer, Linda Fernandez, and Patti Stephens put up posters for the Spanish II play. "Little Red Riding Hood" (picture at right)



John Cain, sophomore, bobs for apples during the Pan American Student Forum initiation party.





During the Christmas season, most students take time out from shopping and running around to remember the real reason for Christmas. Susan Gross shows her way of remembering Christ and the first Christmas as she worships.





## *Freshman Officers*

Freshman class officers are Valerie Coonrod, Student Senate representative; Cleve Massey, president; Angie Covacevich, secretary; Debbie Verser, Student Senate representative; and Virginia Silva, treasurer.



Aaron, Hal  
 Acevedo, Daniel  
 Acevedo, Pete  
 Aldaba, Maria Victoria  
 Allen, John



Almaguer, Elsa  
 Almaraz, George  
 Anderson, Mark  
 Aparicio, Salome  
 Arce, Enrique



## *High School Intrigues Freshmen . . .*



Arce, Rene  
 Arredondo, David  
 Avalos, Lydia  
 Avila, Sulema  
 Balaguer, Josephine



Balderas, Elena  
 Balderama, Maria  
 Barbee, Terry  
 Barker, Bruce  
 Bautista, Irma



Becerra, Juana  
 Becerra, Maria de Lourdes  
 Blair, Peter  
 Blanco, Flora  
 Bohmfalk, John



Bulnes, Henry  
 Burkett, Debra  
 Caballero, Jessie  
 Caballero, Norma  
 Cadena, Roman



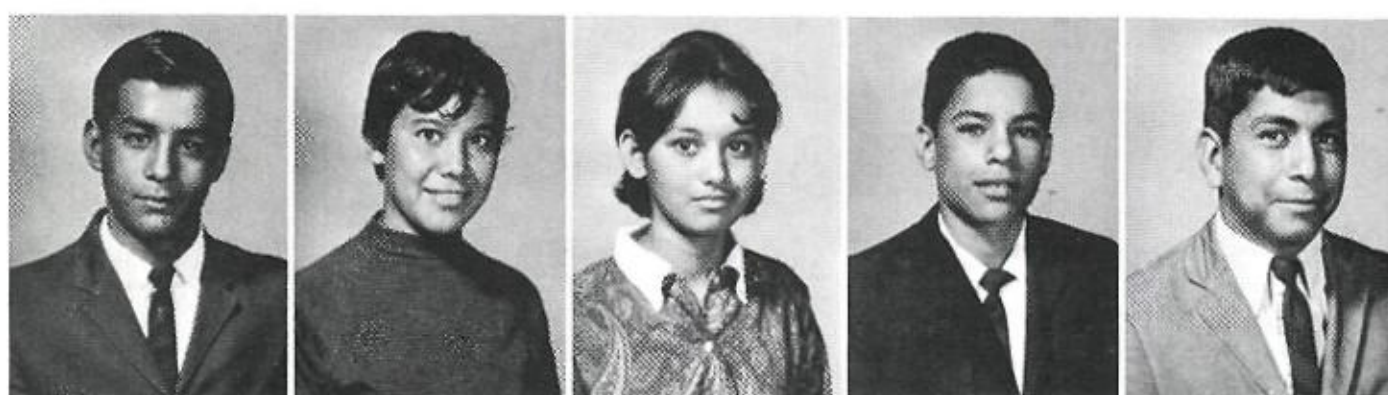


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Campos, Hector  
Cancino, Maria Rosario  
Cano, Janie  
Cano, Ruben

Canon, Nancy  
Cantu, Oralia  
Cardenas, Henry  
Cardona, Guadalupe  
Carranza, Beatriz

## *They Admire Upperclassmen . . .*

Carreon, Robert  
Casares, Adela  
Castaneda, Lucila  
Castaneda, Rolando  
Castillo, Aaron



Castillo, Alfredo  
Castro, Ruben  
Cedillo, Arturo  
Cerde, Oscar  
Chavez, Arturo



Clarke, Len  
Coonrod, Valerie  
Cordova, Alicia  
Coronado, Roy  
Covacevich, Angelita



Crist, Sue  
Cross, Barbara  
Cruz, Raul  
Cuellar, Carmen  
Cummings, Sheri





Castillo, Violeta  
Davis, Deadrea  
Dawson, Jeannette  
De Leon, Elida  
De Leon, Lydia



De Los Santos, Diana  
Downing, Richard Dennis  
Edwards, Bernie  
Edwards, Bruce  
Eilers, Betty



## *Become Accustomed To WHS Campus . . .*



Elizondo, Alicia  
Emerson, Helen Rebecca  
(Becky)  
Escobar, Yolanda  
Espinosa, Rosa  
Estrada, Leo



Fernandez, Juliana  
Flores, Graciela  
Flores, Maria  
Flores, Mary Stella  
Flores, Ruby



Flowers, Donald  
Flowers, Charles Jeff  
Fonseca, Ninfa  
Ford, Peggy  
Fox, Ruth



Frantz, Steven  
Frase, Melissa  
Free, Daniel  
(Danny)  
Frost, Chris  
Fulcher, Bobby





Garcia, Ciro  
Garcia, Elisondo  
Garcia, Feliciano  
Garcia, Luciano  
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Garcia, Olga  
Garcia, Pedro  
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Garcia, Xavier  
Garza, Blanca

## *Meet Many New Friends . . .*

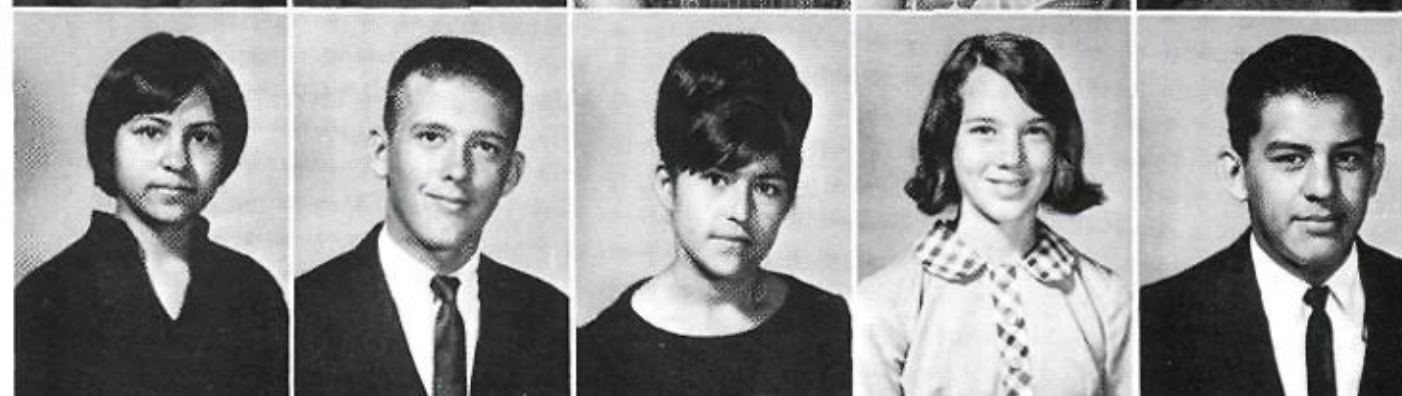
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Gonzalez, Maria  
Gonzalez, Noelia



Gonzalez, Noemi  
Gossett, Billy  
Granados, Yolanda  
Gremes, Patricia  
Grimaldo, Israel



Guajardo, Hermelinda  
Guerra, Hermelinda  
Guess, Shannon  
Hansen, Dale  
Harbison, Bobby Ray





Harbison, Steve  
 Harbison, Vicki  
 Harrison, Doral  
 Heck, Robert  
 Henry, Elizabeth  
 (Liz)



Hernandez, Jesus  
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 Hernandez, Ninfa  
 Hoeller, Sharon



## *Clatter In The Halls . . .*



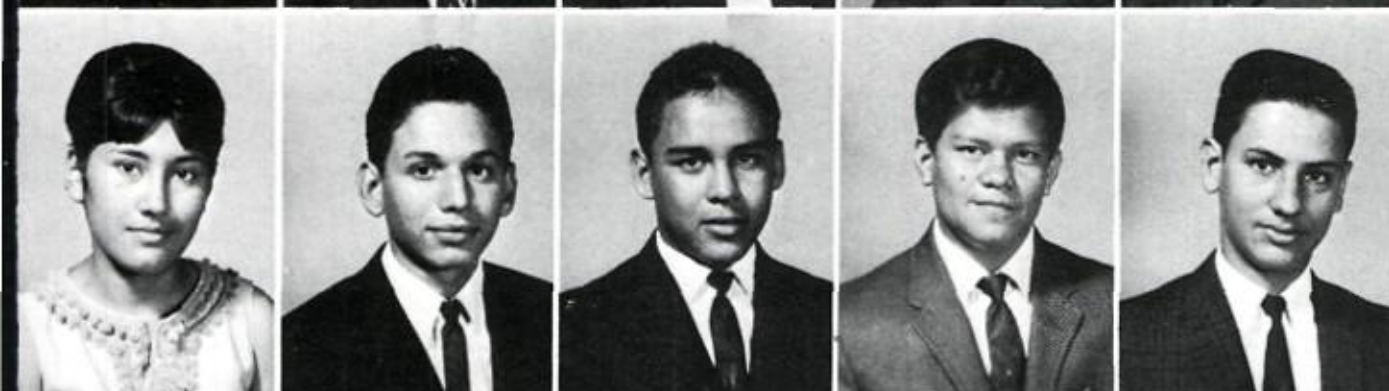
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Kallio, Ray  
 Keller, Linda  
 Kelly, Gail  
 Kincaid, John  
 Koenig, Pamela



Lares, Johnny  
 Leamer, Keith  
 Lopez, Celia  
 Lopez, Eloy  
 Lopez, Mario



Lopez, Victoria  
 Luerra, Prudencio  
 Lugo, Joaquin  
 Magana, Joe  
 Maldonado, Hector





Maldonado, Juan  
Maldonado, Maria  
Maldonado, Martha  
Maldonado, Miguel  
Maloy, Darrell

Marshall, Pete  
Martinez, Carlos  
Martinez, Esiquiel  
Martinez, Mary  
Massey, Cleve

## *Chatter In The Classrooms . . .*

Mattar, William  
(Bill)  
Mendez, Alma  
Mendez, Augustin  
Mendez, Juanita  
Medrano, Felipa

Medrano, Janie  
Mena, Alicia  
Molina, Melva  
Moore, Larry  
Moore, Willie

Mora, Elva  
Moreno, Jose  
Morgan, Lyle Ralph  
Morgan, Margaret  
Morrow, Rhett

Mortensen, Jens  
Myers, Wayne  
Oglevee, Charity  
Ortiz, Martha  
Overyender, Jimmy



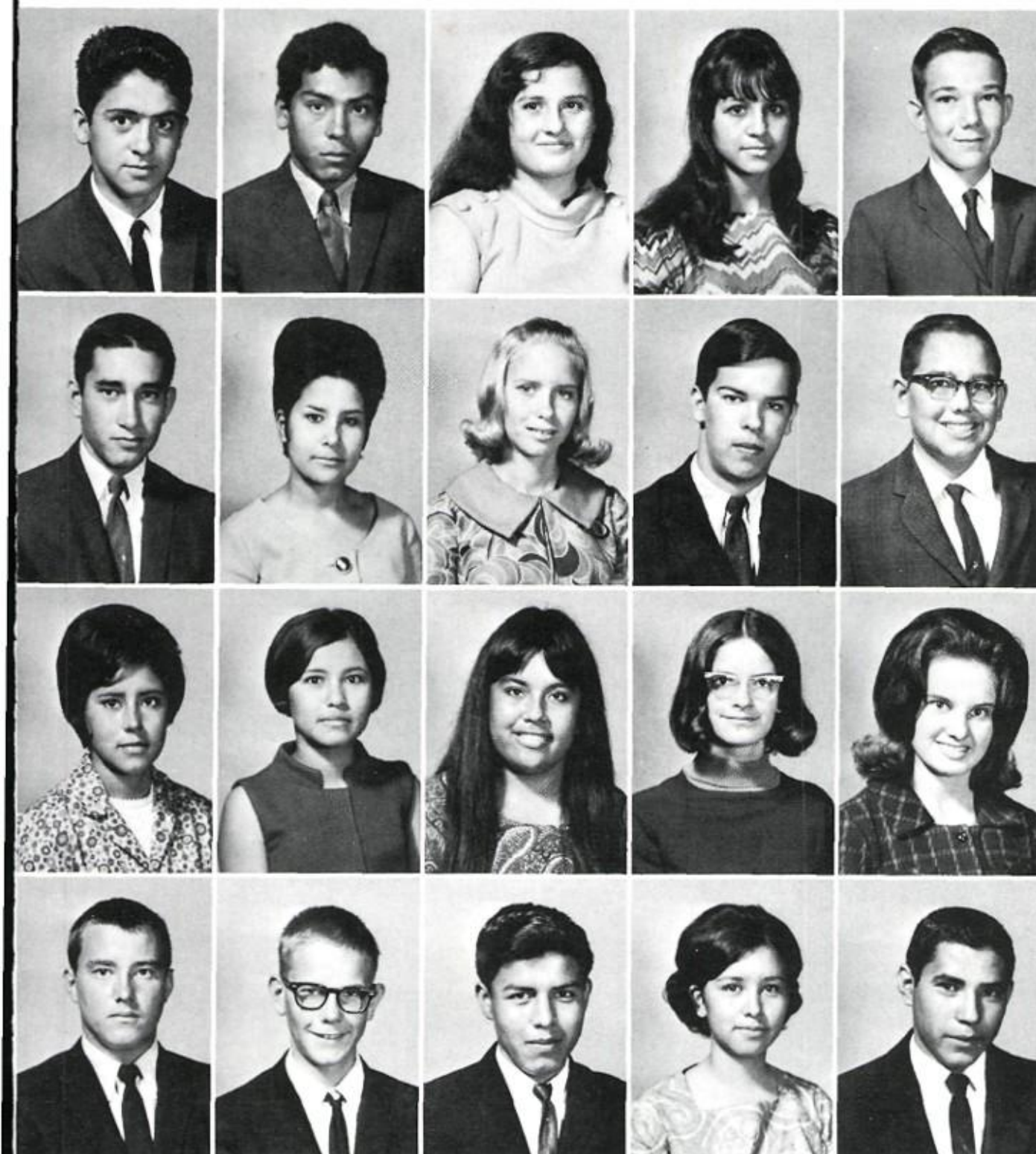


Ozuna, Linda  
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Padilla, Salvador  
Panzer, Kevin  
Parker, Tommy



Paz, Juan  
Pena, Adalberto  
Pena, Nora E.  
Pena, Pablo  
Pena, Roberto

## *Tackle Different Topics . . .*



Perez, Armando  
Perez, Rodolfo  
Perez, Virginia  
Pina, Alicia  
Purl, David

Quesada, Gregorio  
Quesada, Juanita  
Rainey, Jacquelyn  
(Jackie)  
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Ramirez, Joe

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Ramos, Maria Esther  
Ramos, Sylvia  
Ramsay, Shally Ann  
Randolph, Ann

Real, Mike  
Redman, John  
Reyes, Frederico  
Reyes, Mary  
Rios, Alfredo





Rios, Oralia  
 Rivera, Diana  
 Roark, Anna Jamiece  
 (Jamie)  
 Rockwell, Michael  
 Rodriguez, Arnulfo

Rodriguez, Celia  
 Rodriguez, Ernesto  
 Rodriguez, Esperanza  
 Rodriguez, Hector  
 Rodriguez, Rene

## *Join Various Organizations . . .*

Rodriguez, Robert  
 Rodriguez, Rodolfo  
 Rogers, Evelyn  
 Rohr, George  
 Romero, Rodolfo



Ruiz, Lupe  
 Saenz, Silvestre  
 Salinas, Carlos  
 Salinas, Hector  
 Sanchez, Gloria



Schuster, Michael  
 Sepulveda, Humberto  
 Sepulveda, Robert  
 Sherry, Zana  
 Sifuentes, Robert



Silva, Virginia  
 Smith, Ricky  
 Solis, Joe  
 Solis, Rosa  
 Soto, Crispin





Stanford, Diana  
Talbert, Randy  
Tobola, Beverly  
Tobola, Pam  
Tomlinson, Marta



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Torres, Ignacio  
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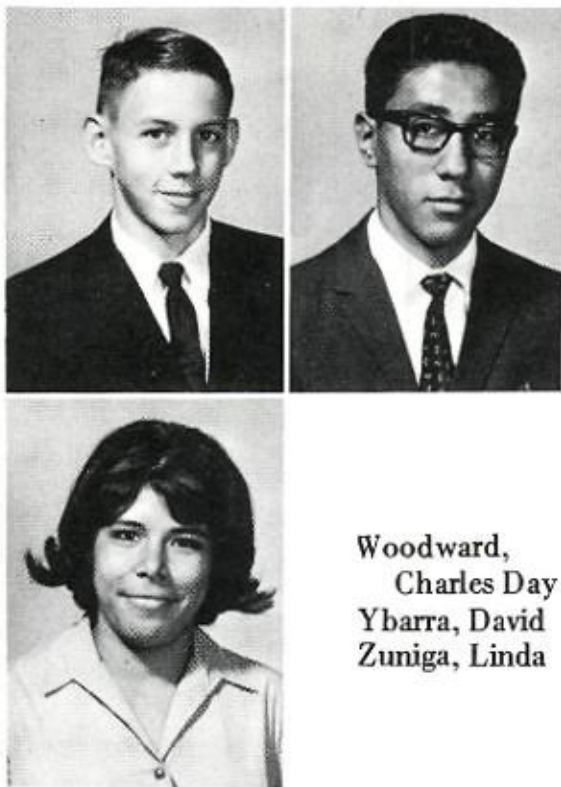
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Vargas, Robert  
Vasquez, Abel

Vela, Enriqueta  
Verser, Debby  
Villa, Servando  
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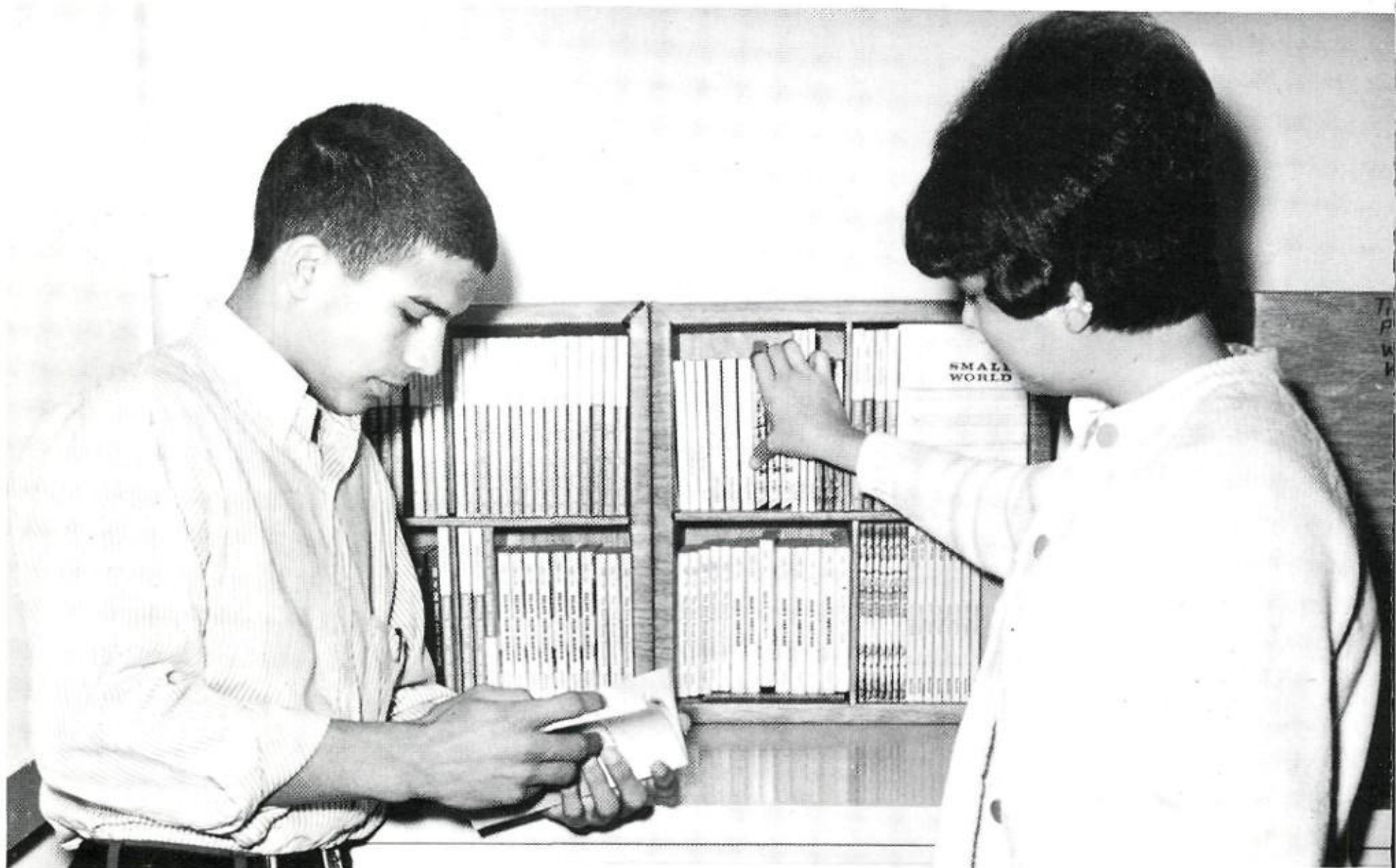




Woodward,  
Charles Day  
Ybarra, David  
Zuniga, Linda



In the tense moments of a varsity basketball game, Wayne Myers takes instruction from Coach Hal Coleman (picture at right).



Scanning through a variety of books, Barbara Cross and Adelberto Pena choose literature from the Scholastic Reading Unit.





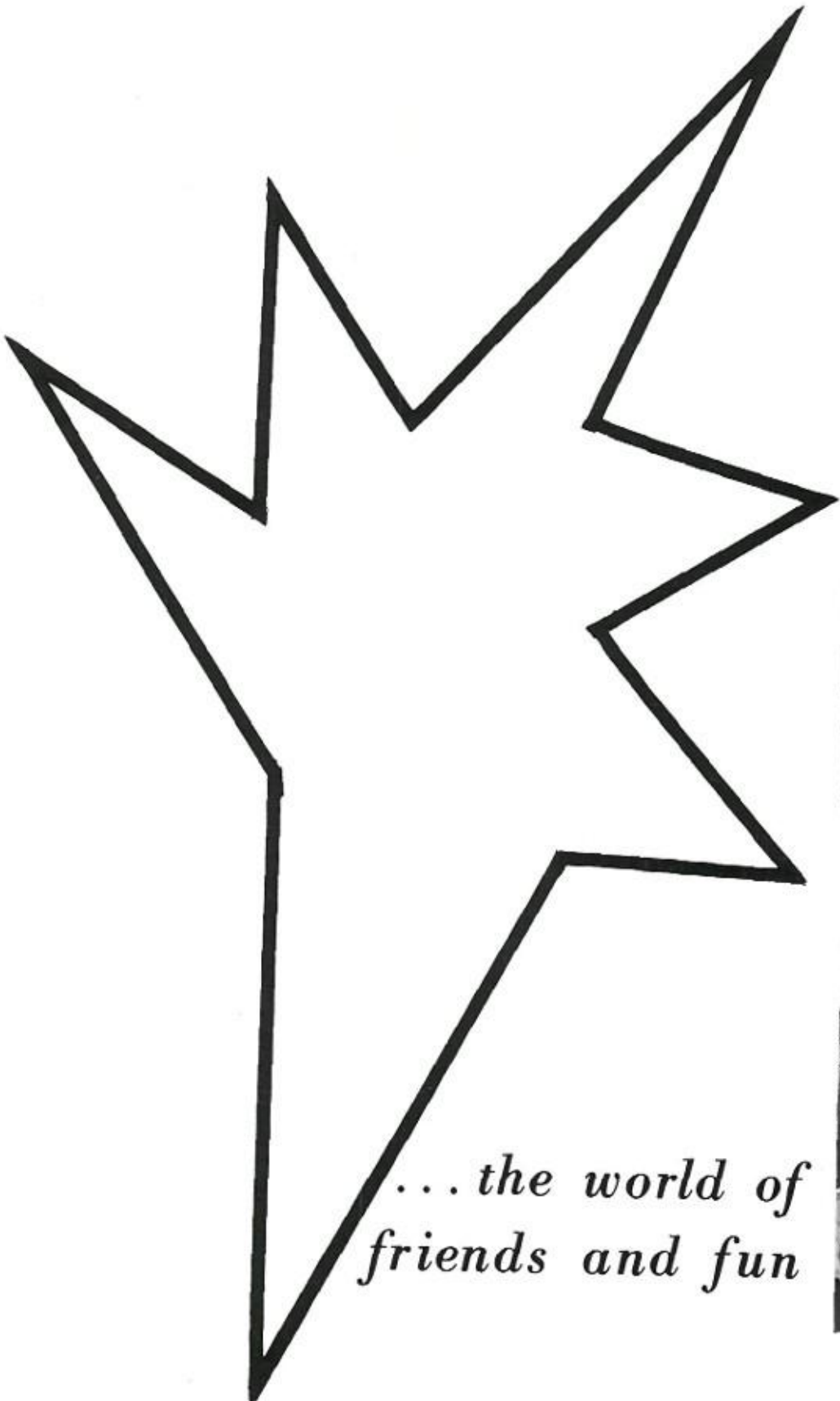
Hurriedly finishing last minute homework for Mrs. Virginia (Mom) Jones' biology I class are freshmen John Redman and Nancy Canon.



Recording their findings after observing the microscope slides are freshmen biology students, Margaret Morgan and Diane Stanford.



# *Student Life*



*... the world of  
friends and fun*









# With A Bang And Blow, School Starts



The big black eye displayed by Mrs. Jo Ann Free was "given" her by Mrs. Elvia Trevino as the high point of a skit given by the two faculty members at a pep rally early in the season.



Floodwaters from Hurricane Beulah caused this tarantula to evacuate from his home.



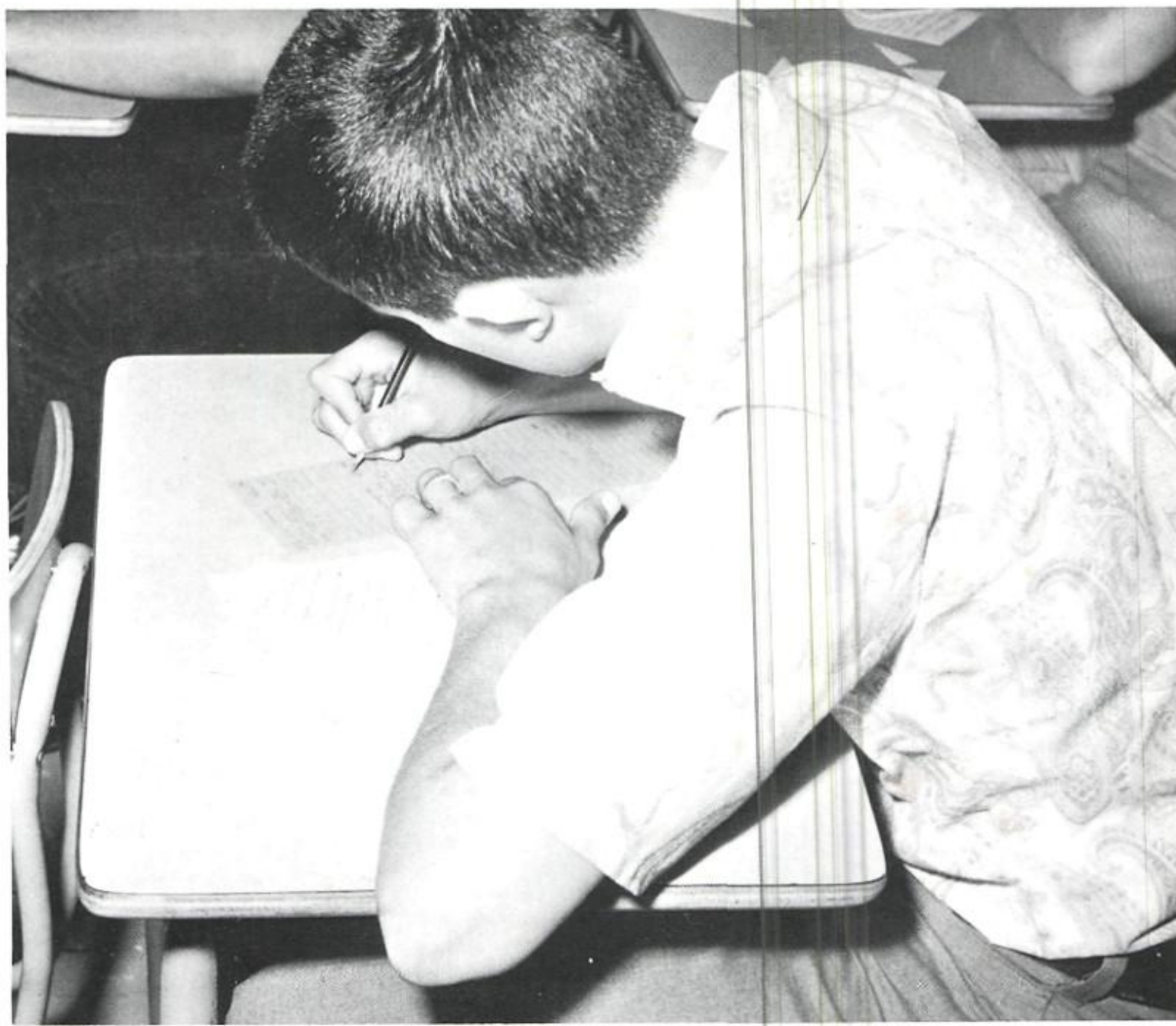
Making flowers and paper weights for WHS teachers early in the school year are several Pan American Student Forum members.

Student life and school activities opened with a bang in early September, right after the Labor Day weekend, staggered under the blow of Hurricane Beulah early in October, then picked up redoubled momentum in November, December, and January.

Highlights of the first month of school, as always, were registration, the organization of classes, and football season. The band made its appearance in brand new purple and white uniforms at the half time show, to the evident delight of the thousands in the stands, while the ball team came from behind to end up the season with a romping victory over arch rival Mercedes.

Meanwhile, Hurricane Beulah came and went . . . Weslaco students missed five days of school but were busy with refugee center activities, sandbagging on the levees and helping their own families clear out the storm debris. With the resuming of school, almost all activities were accelerated as teachers and students sought to catch up the schedule. Pigskin Jubilee, a storm casualty, was finally held. Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays were highlighted by family rather than school activities, and the first semester ended with the omnipresent mid-semester exams.





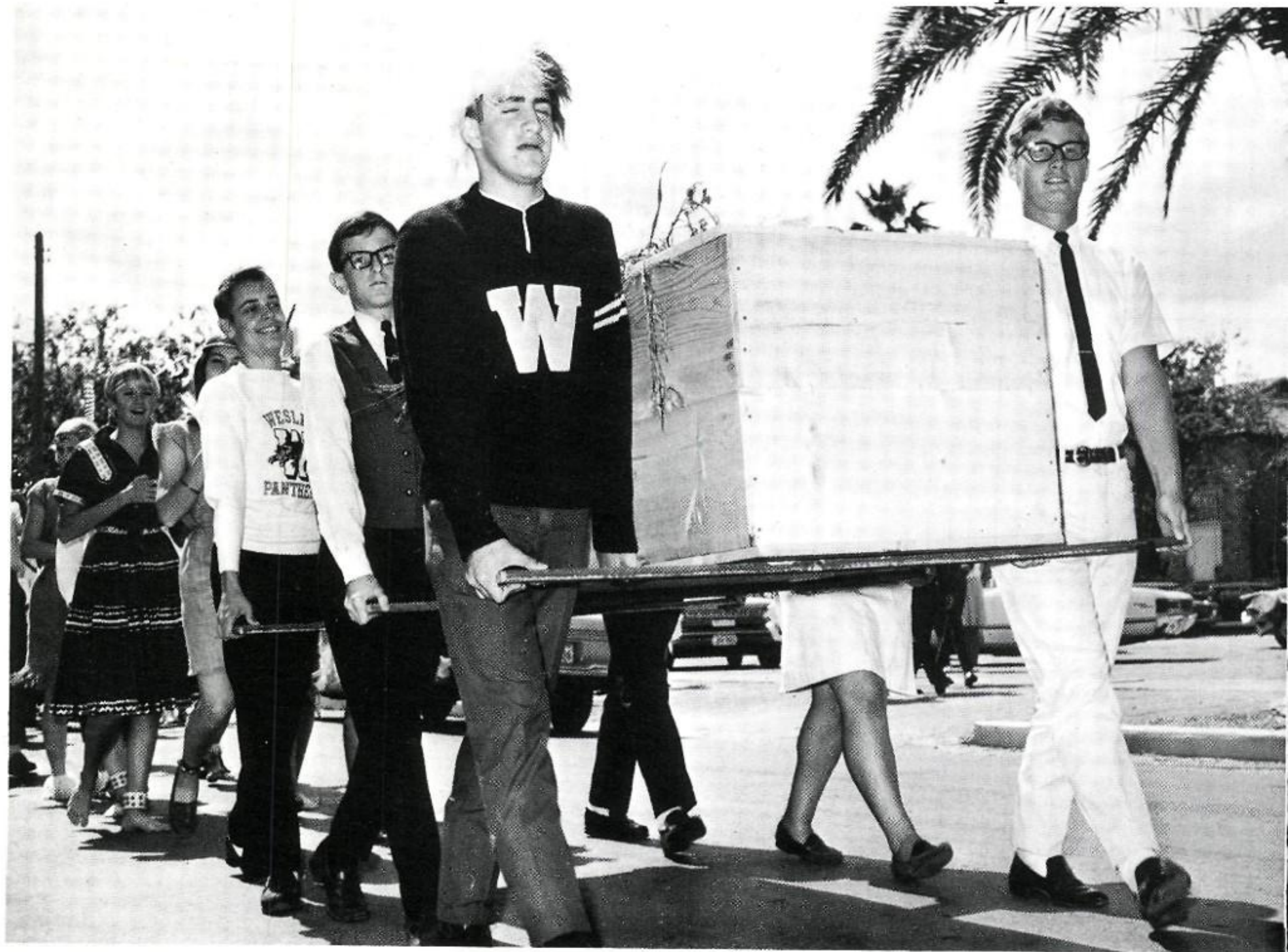
Filling out forms during registration is sophomore Hector Benitez. Registration this year was a streamlined procedure made necessary by more than 1000 students.



Pep rallies are a serious business to the football players, who ready themselves for the night's contest ahead. The Pep Squad leads the student body in letting the Panthers know that the team has the school behind them.



## Students Generate Pre-Game Spirit



Bill Mattar and Tommy Seils lead a impromptu Redskin funeral procession as part of football activities before the Weslaco-Donna game. Following the cortege were wailing twirlers wearing Indian mourning clothing, and the WHS band which slowly sounded the Indian war cry in a funeral cadence.



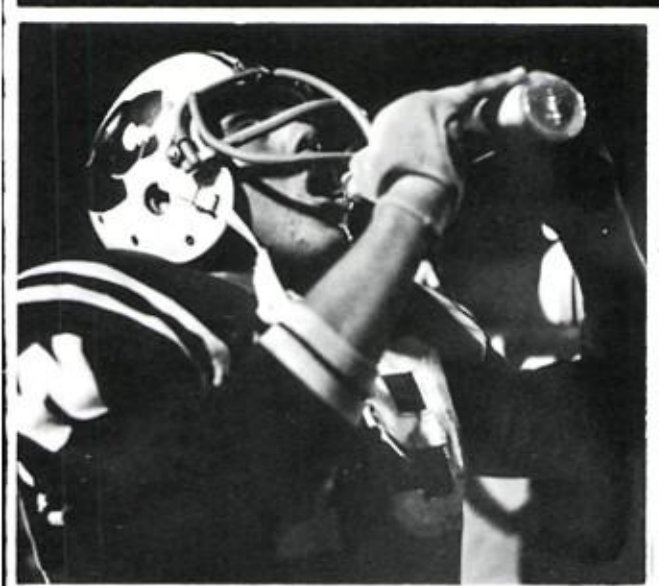
The pep squad at one of its meetings, listens as members discuss plans for the coming events such as the banquet, nominations for spirit girl, and Friday's game.



Robert Campos and Joe Sepulveda stand by as Mrs. O.C. Yarbrough, Panther mom, speaks at a pep rally. She holds her Panther shoe which has pictures of each football boy on it.



# *Homecoming Is Many Activities*





## Clubs Provide Solemn, Fun Moments



Solemn moment in the ceremony which inducted Y-Teen members into the organization is reflected by Klee Frantz, Mary Nell Larson, Tania Knowles, Rita Kolvik, and Carole Cummings.



Examining the Vocational Office Education Club charter are president Ib Buentello and Juanita Cerda.



Stuffing in bananas in a race that was part of the Pan American Student Forum informal initiation are John Cain, Margaret Swanzey, and Nancy Wallace.



Karate came to students if not to the campus. Instructing No Solis is Bill Shelton, Karate instructor. He lectured the boy physical education classes.





Meeting the football banquet speaker Scott Powers, defensive end from Texas A&I, is Mat Donalson. Mrs. Powers (in background) attended the banquet with her husband.

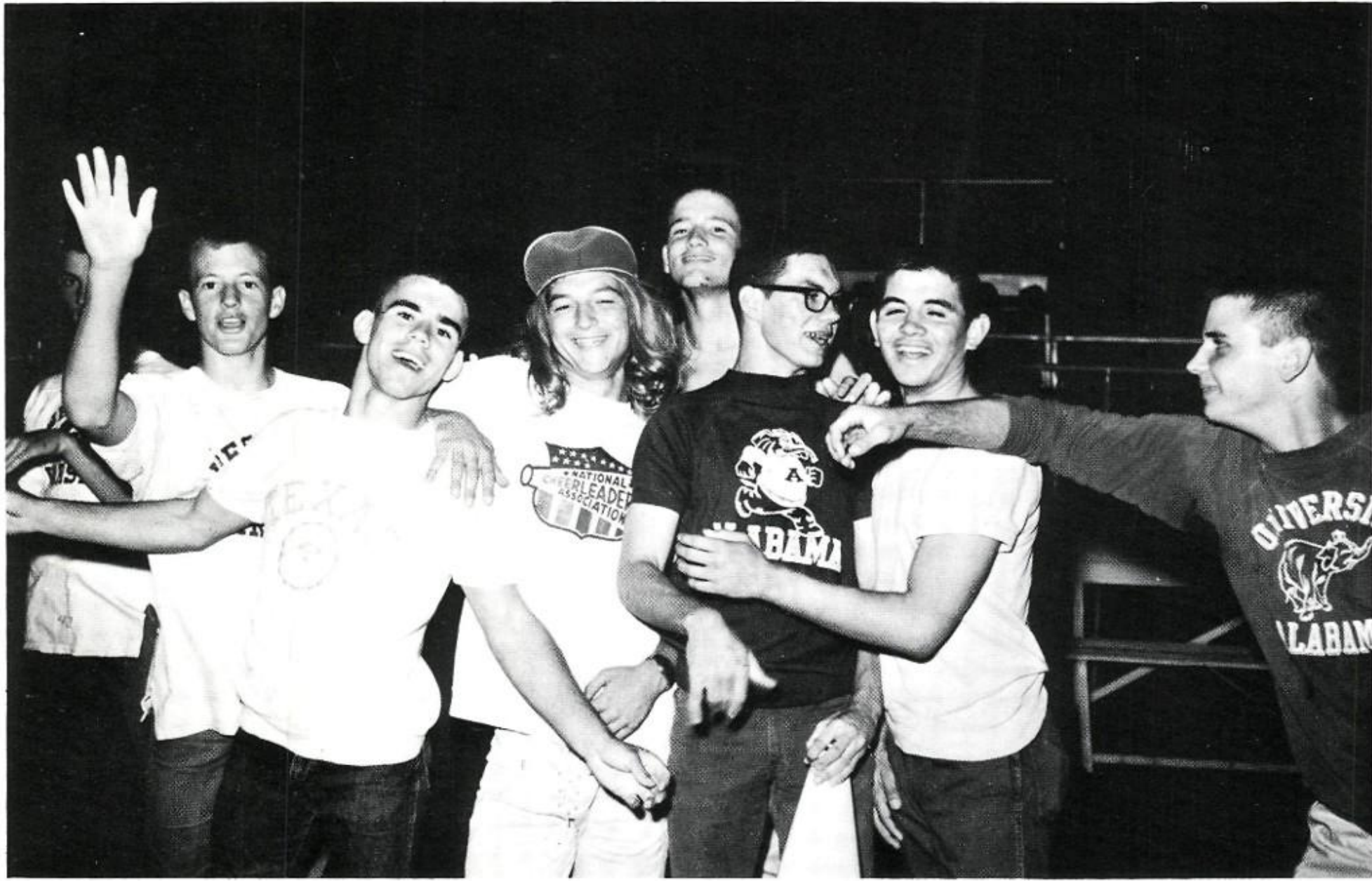
Football players, coaches and Pep Squad members were honored at the Football-Pep Squad Banquet with Scott Powers, defensive end from Texas A&I University, as guest speaker. All members of the WHS athletic department were later recognized at the All Sportsman Banquet, sponsored by the Panther Booster Club. Mr. J. G. (Buck) Mundy was guest speaker.



During the football banquet, Pep Squad members show their support to the fighting Panthers.



## *It's Fun, Football And Forum*



Entertaining the crowds at the annual powderpuff football game are "cheerleaders" Randy Talbert, Chris Frost, George Cardenas, Gary Bullion, Ronald Smith, Bryan Drake, Joe Sepulveda, and Mat Donalson.



Pan American Student Forum members Elsa Villarreal, Mary Cortez, Margaret Swanzey, Mary Nell Larson, Melody Easley, and Elma Garza sing carols at the Posada the club had during the holidays.



WHS cheerleaders Mary Ellen Payne, Jeanne Bullion, Beth Ussery, and Dee Ann Moore kill a bearkat (Margaret Swanzey) at a pep rally preceding the Raymondville football game.



# WHS Is Transformed Into Dog Patch



(upper left picture) Daisy Mae and Little Abner alias Norma Silva and Gary Davis won five dollars for their costumes at the Sadie Hawkins dance. (above picture) Dressed in the Dog Patch attire are Antonio Gracia, Alvaro Lopez, and George Pena.

Dressed in typical hillbilly style, WHS students transformed the campus into Dog Patch, USA on March 1. Teachers faced an enormous task as they undertook the job of educating so many "illiterate-looking" students.

Supporting the annual Sadie Hawkins Day custom, the Student Senate sponsored a dance, awarding the customary prizes for the best dressed Daisy Mae and Little Abner to Norma Silva and Gary Davis.



Building a pyramid of human bodies are a group of students during Sadie Hawkins Day.



## *PASF Members Plant Peace Tree*



Mrs. Amparo Cardenas, Miss Vanda Nance, and Mr. Thurmon Rohr were costume judges on Pan American Day. Winners were Tommy McWhorter, Lillian Stanford, Olga Ruiz, Maria Aparicio (first place, girls division), Pablo Castaneda, (first place, boys division), and Clemente del Campo. This is a Pan American Student Forum event.



Planting a peace tree was a project of the Pan American Student Forum this year. The tree was planted by John Cain, Ronald Smith, and David Treadaway on Pan American Day.



Theresa McCaleb and John Cain were chosen Miss and Mr. Pan American, respectively, this year. Theresa maintained a 98 grade average in Spanish and John a 99.



# Plantation Press

In honor of our guests, members of that illustrious Class of 1968, the Juniors have turned back the clock and recaptured an era in

our history which has given its name to a way of life---a way of life that casts a spell of graciousness and hospitality, characteristic of the Old South.

"Under the Magnolias"

symbolized all the ante-bellum days when girls made a career of being charming and men a pursuit of being gallant.

So, for the Seniors, the Juniors have recreated the garden of a southern plantation where beautiful magnolias are in full bloom.



They searched and searched and finally found a group of gorgeous Southern belles to sing for them at the Prom. Donna Michalk, Dee Ann Moore, Mary Ellen Payne, Cathy Ligon, Wendy Haverfield, Mary Nell Larson, Beth Ussery, Darla Burton, Joye Frost, Mona McWhorter, Susan Powell, and Penny Talbert agreed to sing some pretty Southern songs.

They found Ronnie McManus, the fastest auctioneer in the whole South, to perform at the party. Ronnie, along with some other young men, were willing to auction the guests off at the Shindig to the highest bidder.

The girls were wearing the frill-

iest little dresses you ever saw. They are made of a pink and white check with dainty white collars and very pretty sleeves.

We'd like to thank Linda Andersen, Peggy Barnes, Andrea Dickerson, Kathy Eggleston, Roxanne Frase, Jennifer Fortenberry, Diane Hefley, Rosie de Leon, Joyce Lyles, Lydia Martinez, Sherri Polvado, Esther McDaniel, Judy McFarland, Linda Roark, Patti Stevens, Norma Silva, Luanne Thompson, Ruthie White, and Diane Wilson for their contributions in helping us entertain the Seniors.

So ya'll be sure and save your

Confederate notes, 'cause the South Is Gonna Rise Again!!!!!!!

But you just keep yo cute li'l blue eyes open, for a heap of real southern entertainment is comin' yo way.

We's got all kinds of talent folks. There'll be girls singing so darn right pretty, it'll make ya stretch yo puny ears to the size of a mules jest to hear more.

And that ain't all.

Why shucks, there'll be dancin', playin' and mo singin' to make yo hearts wana burst with de-e-light.



## Seniors Produce Comedies, Folk Music



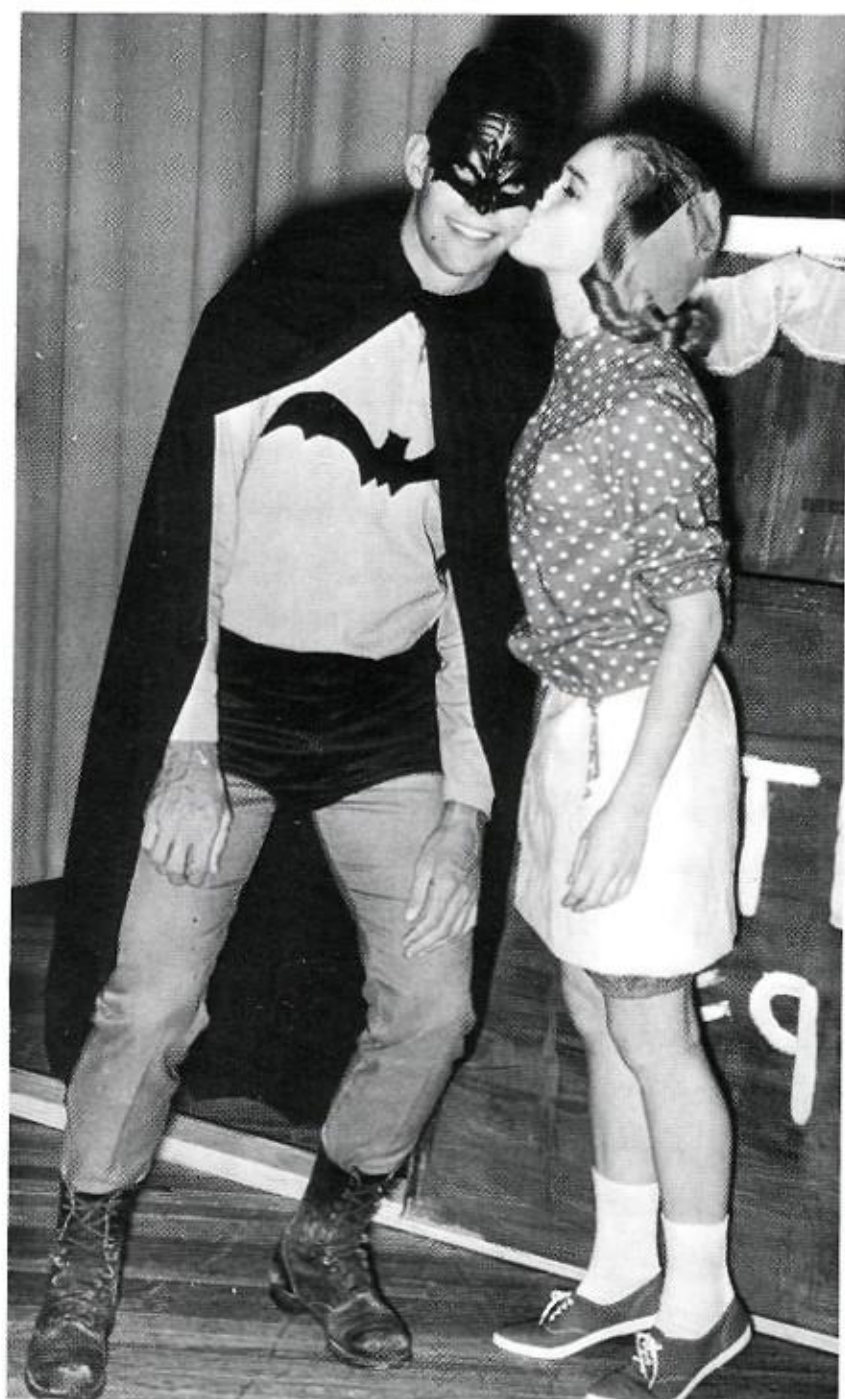
Chickenman (Barbara Scott) performs magic on the old lady's chicken in the '67 senior talent show. Andres Noreiga portrays the old lady.



Singing "Blowing in the Wind" and accompanying herself on the guitar, is Marianne Putman.



A quartet composed of Elsa Villarreal, Violadel Sanchez, Cristela Valdez and Andrea Villarreal sing "Stranger in Paradise."



Rewarding Batman (Glen Jones) with a kiss for rescuing her from an on-coming train is Sweet Polly Purebred. (Barbara Graham)



## Seniors Present 'Arsenic And Old Lace'



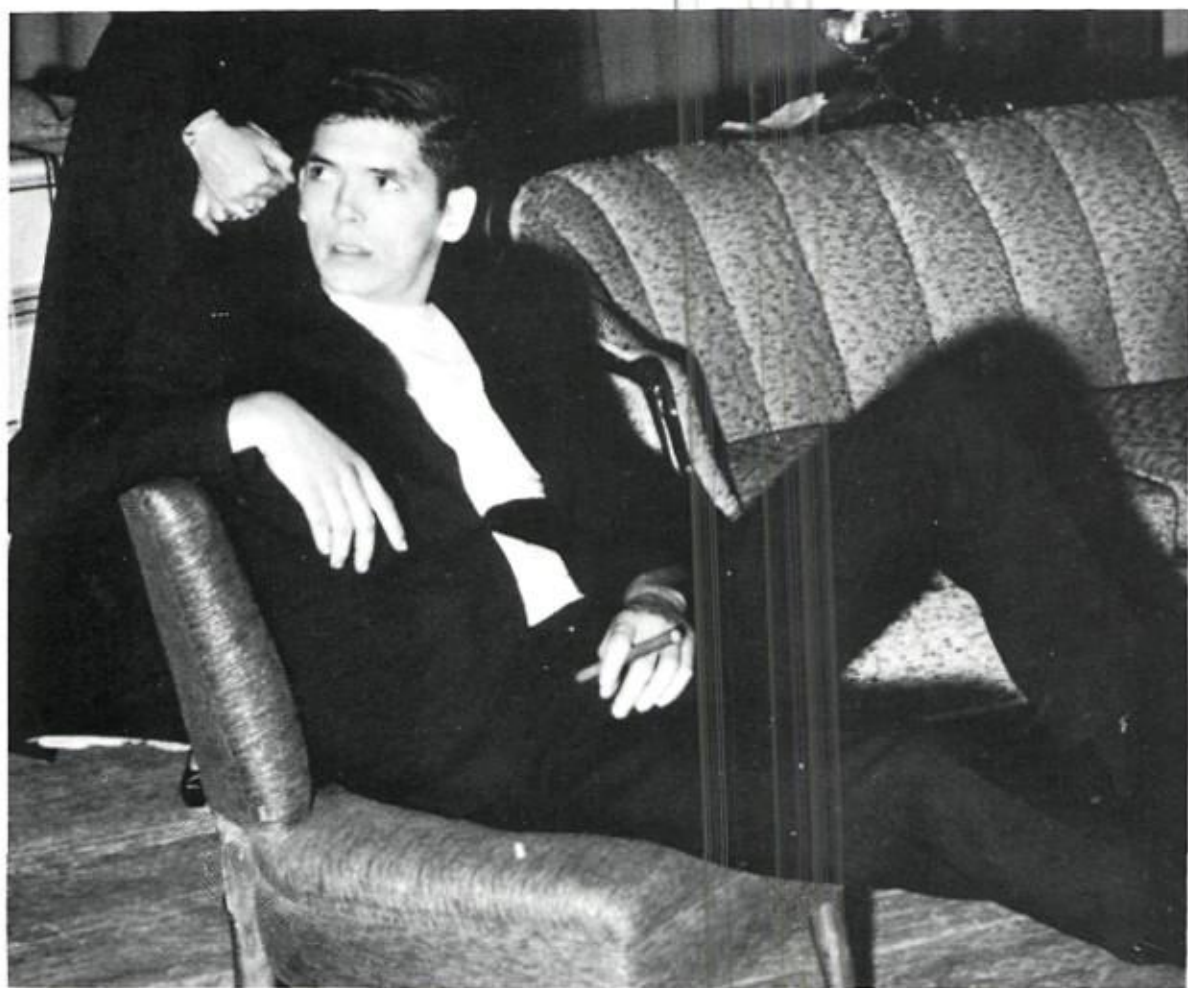
Teddy (Alan Smith) rebels as his toys are given to welfare. Standing with him are his aunt Martha (Barbara Graham), Rev. Harper (Joe Pinalez), Aunt Abby (Margaret Swanzey), and (sitting) Mrs. Klein (Marianne Putman).



Mr. Gibbs (Ronnie Crawford) was a near-victim of the sisters' elderberry wine.

"Arsenic and Old Lace" was the three-act play presented by the seniors this year. The melodrama was about the Brewster family and the secret of their cellar. Two elderly sisters, Martha and Abby Brewster, get rid of lonely people in the world by giving them home-made elderberry wine which has arsenic in it. Teddy Brewster helps by digging canals in which the sisters bury their victims. Included in the cast were:

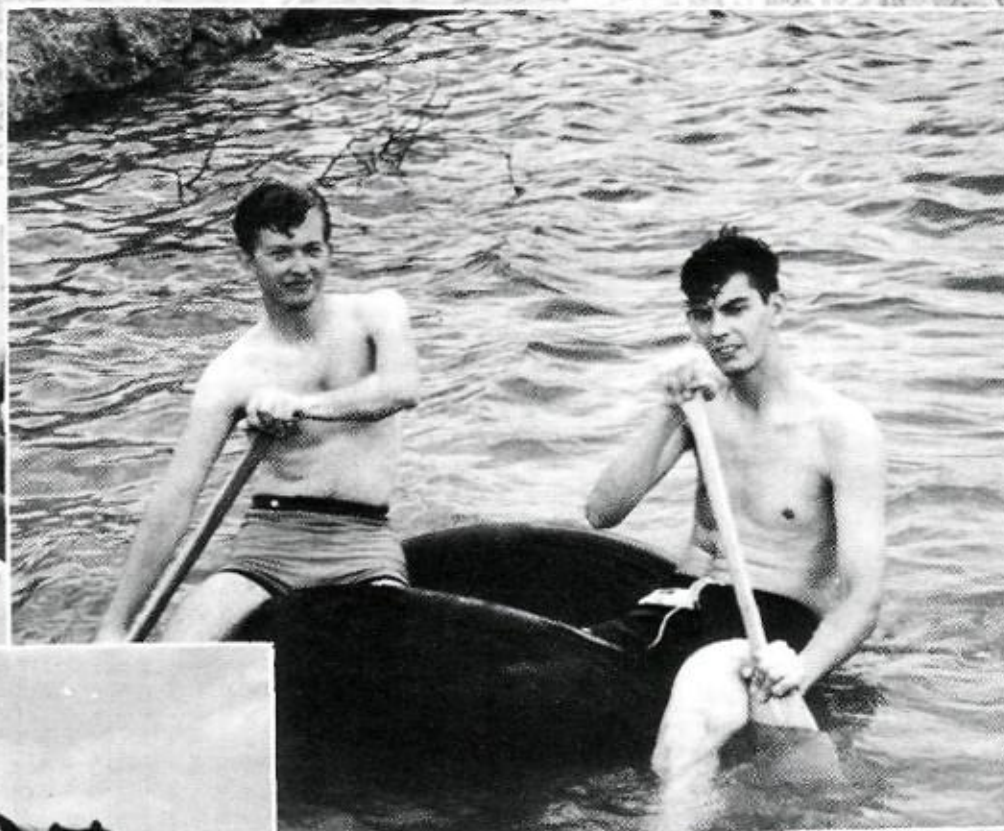
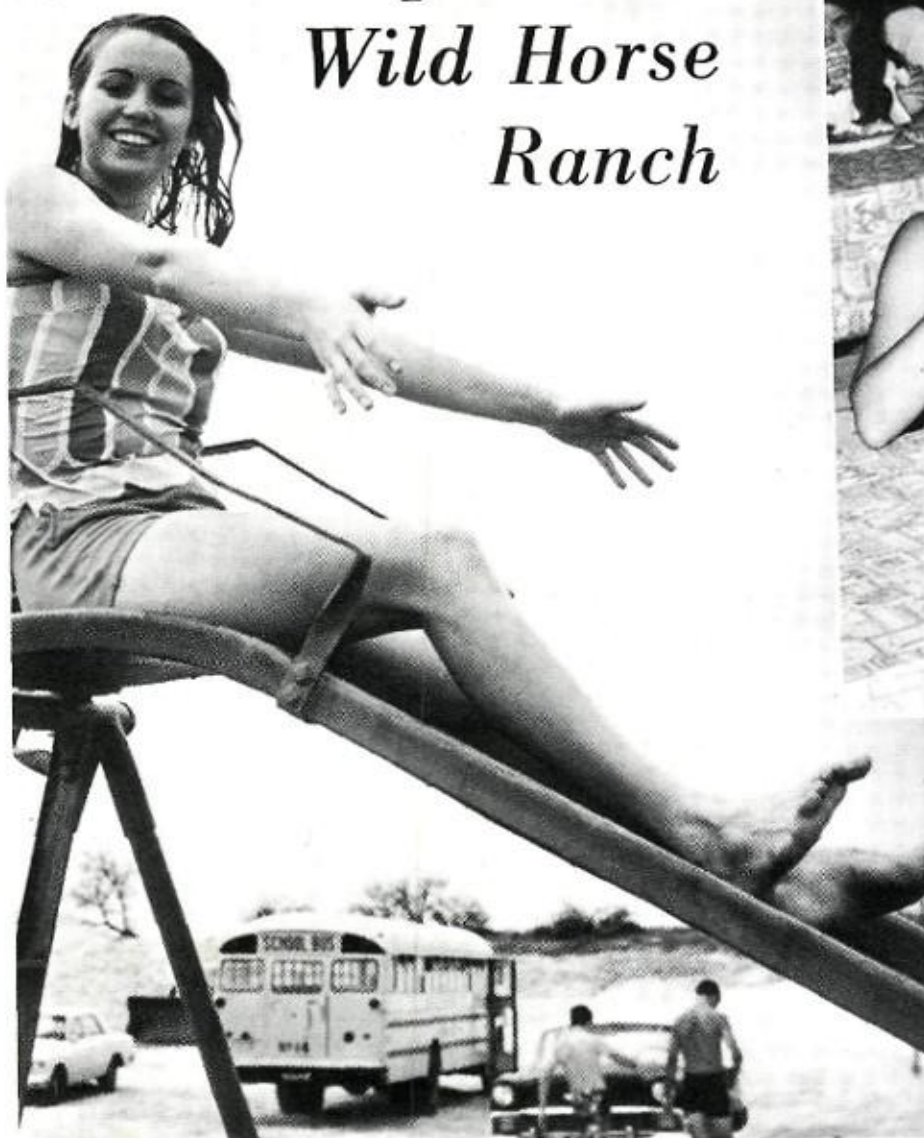
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| Margaret Swanzey | ..... Abby Brewster     |
| Joe Pinalez      | ..... Rev. Harper       |
| Alan Smith       | ..... Teddy Brewster    |
| Rita Kolvik      | ..... Mrs. Brophy       |
| Marianne Putman  | ..... Mrs. Klein        |
| Barbara Graham   | ..... Martha Brewster   |
| Nellie Sue Garza | ..... Elaine Harper     |
| Charles Cantu    | ..... Mortimer Brewster |
| Ronnie Crawford  | ..... Mr. Gibbs         |
| Harold Luce      | ..... Jonathan Brewster |
| Armando Hinojosa | ..... Dr. Einstein      |
| Vicente Sanchez  | ..... Officer O' Hara   |
| Roy Johnston     | ..... Officer Brophy    |
| Tommy Bradford   | ..... Officer Klein     |
| Andres Noriega   | ..... Lieutenant Rooney |
| Hector Salinas   | ..... Mr. Witherspoon   |



Jonathan Brewster (Harold Luce), the villian of the Brewster family unexpectedly visits his aunts. He plans to use his grandfather's old laboratory for evil purposes.



# Senior Trip Wild Horse Ranch

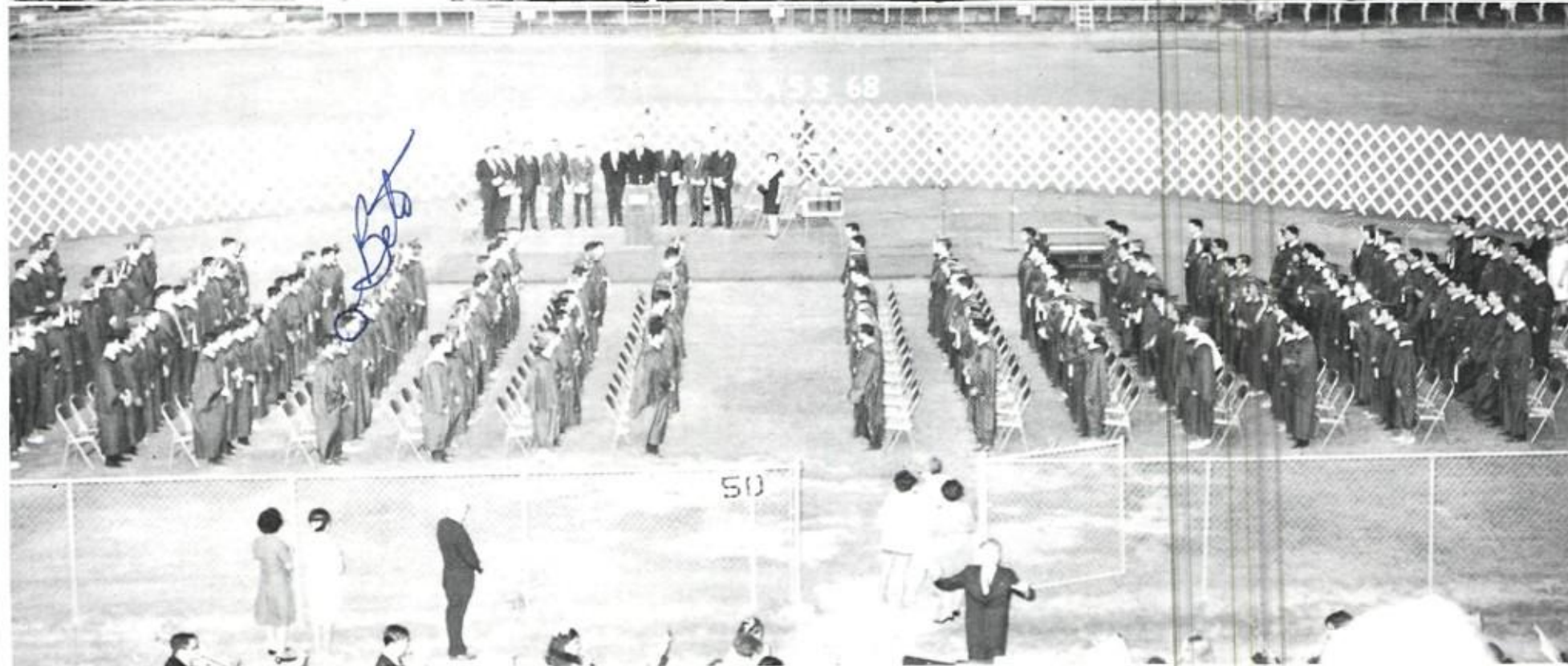




# 181 Graduate

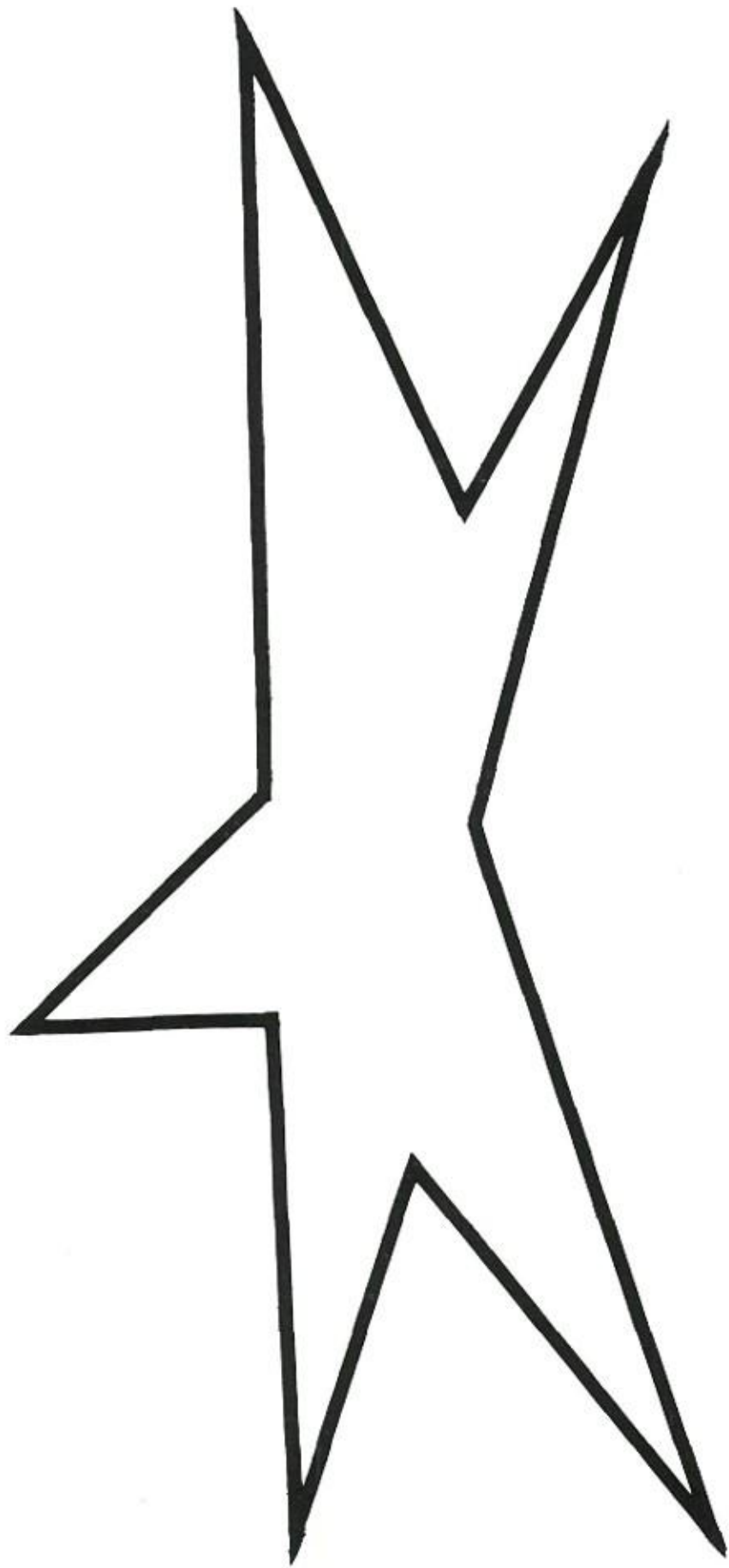
## On May 31

Climaxing four years of secondary school study for 181 graduates were last semester studies, social activities, traditional senior events, and getting ready for final ceremonies beginning at dusk on Barbee Field.





# *Personalities, Honors*



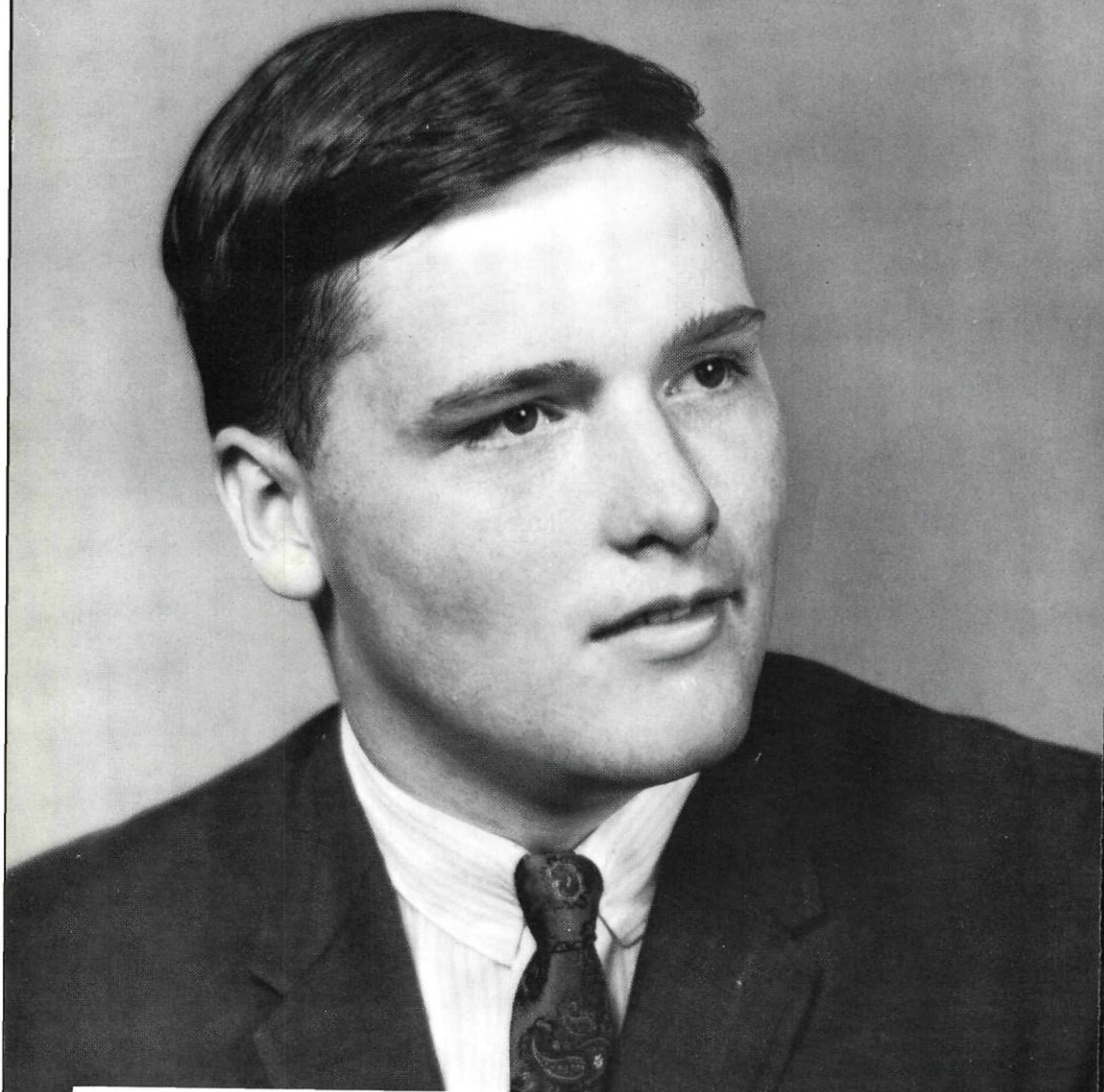
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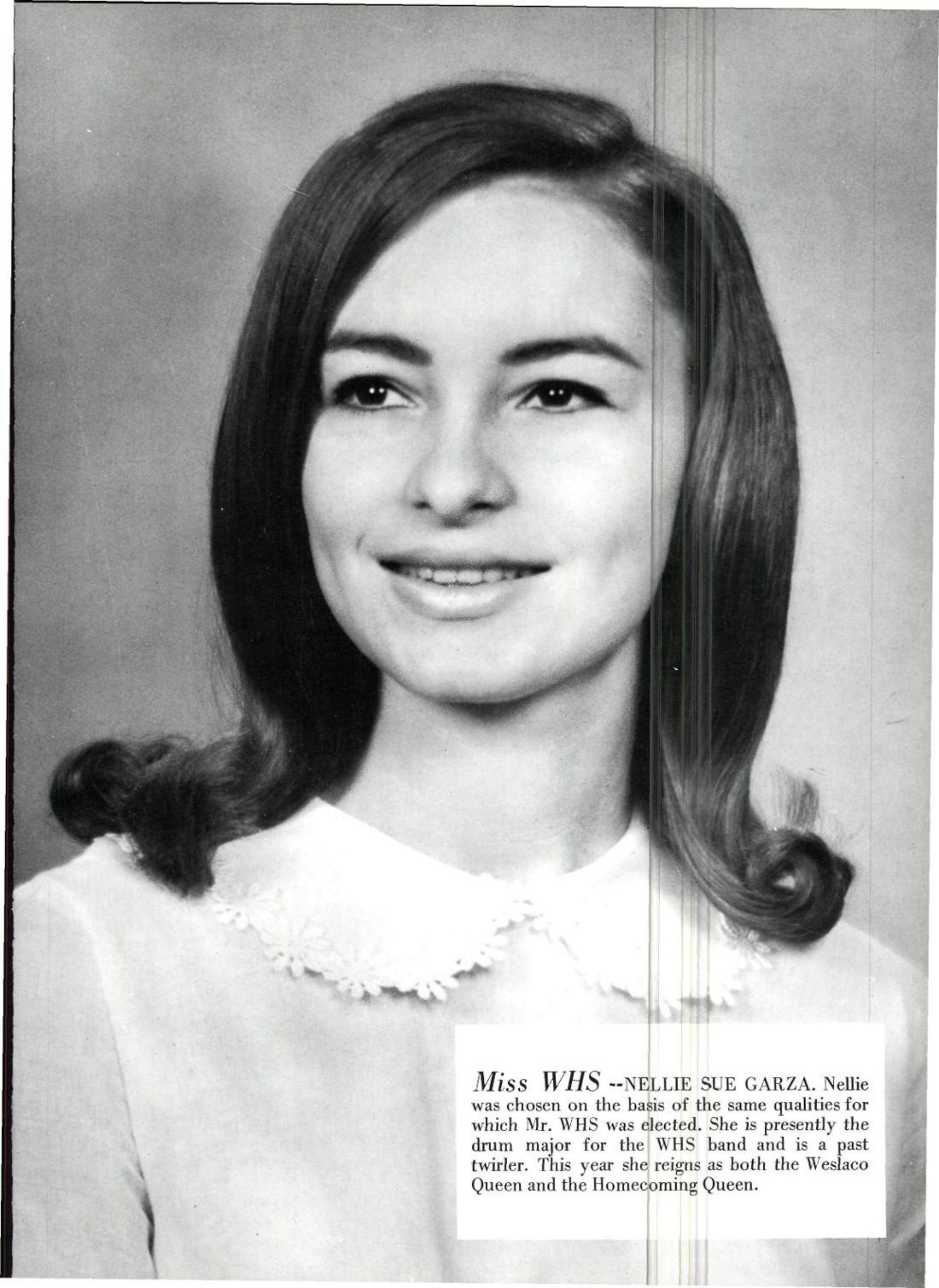






**Mr. WHS --** ALAN SMITH. Alan was chosen by popular vote. Qualifications are good character, personality, scholarship, and popularity. He has served as Hi-Life editor for two years, participated in the Sing Out, America Program, and is a member of Quill and Scroll. Also, he is the vice-president of National Honor Society and Key Club.





*Miss WHS* --NELLIE SUE GARZA. Nellie was chosen on the basis of the same qualities for which Mr. WHS was elected. She is presently the drum major for the WHS band and is a past twirler. This year she reigns as both the Weslaco Queen and the Homecoming Queen.





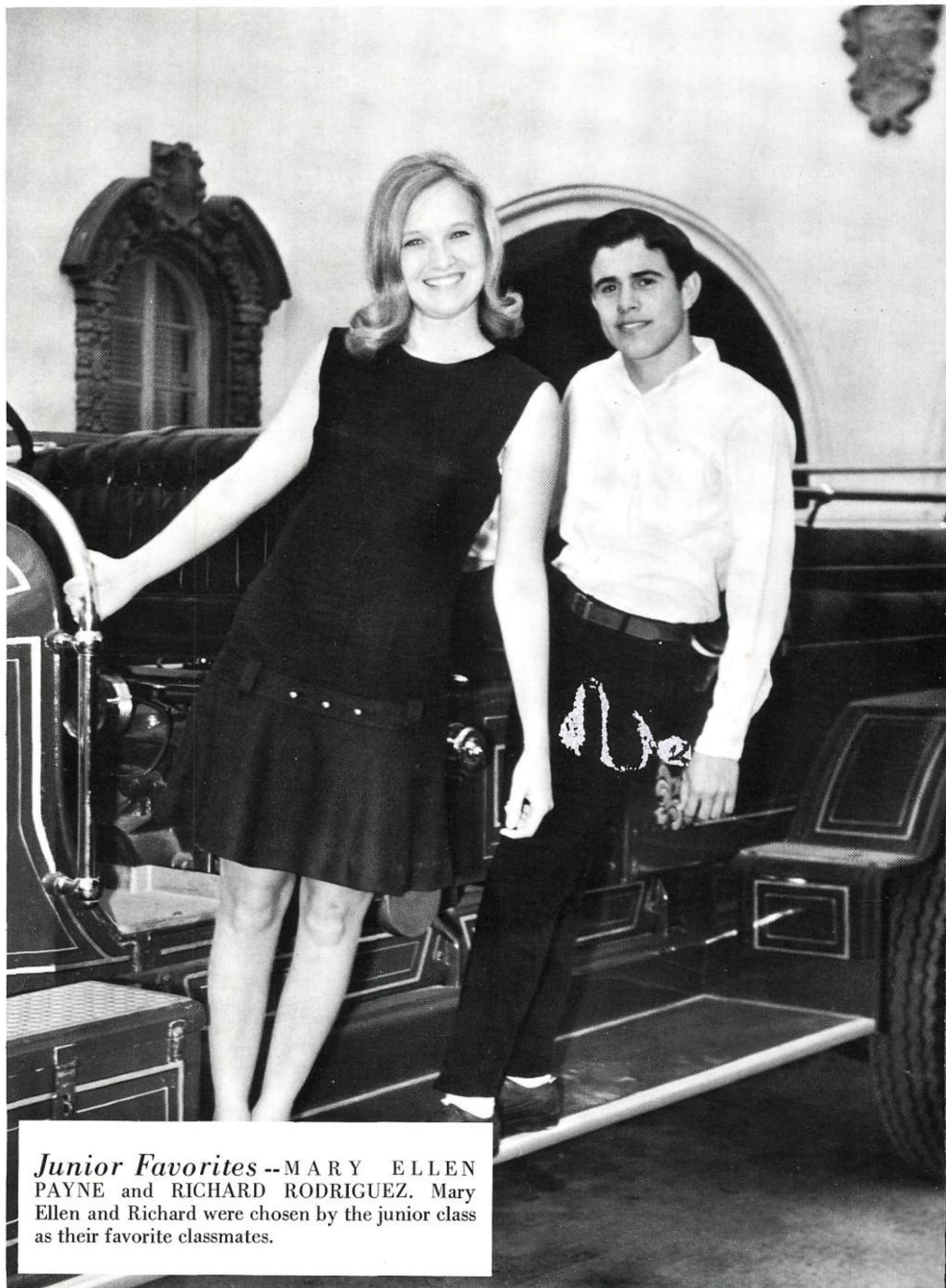
*Most Likely To Succeed* are Hector Salinas and Mary Esther Henry. They both have high scholastic averages and high activity participation.





*Most Beautiful & Handsome* are Anita Ligon and Charles Cantu. They were selected most personable in a class of 188 seniors by their classmates.





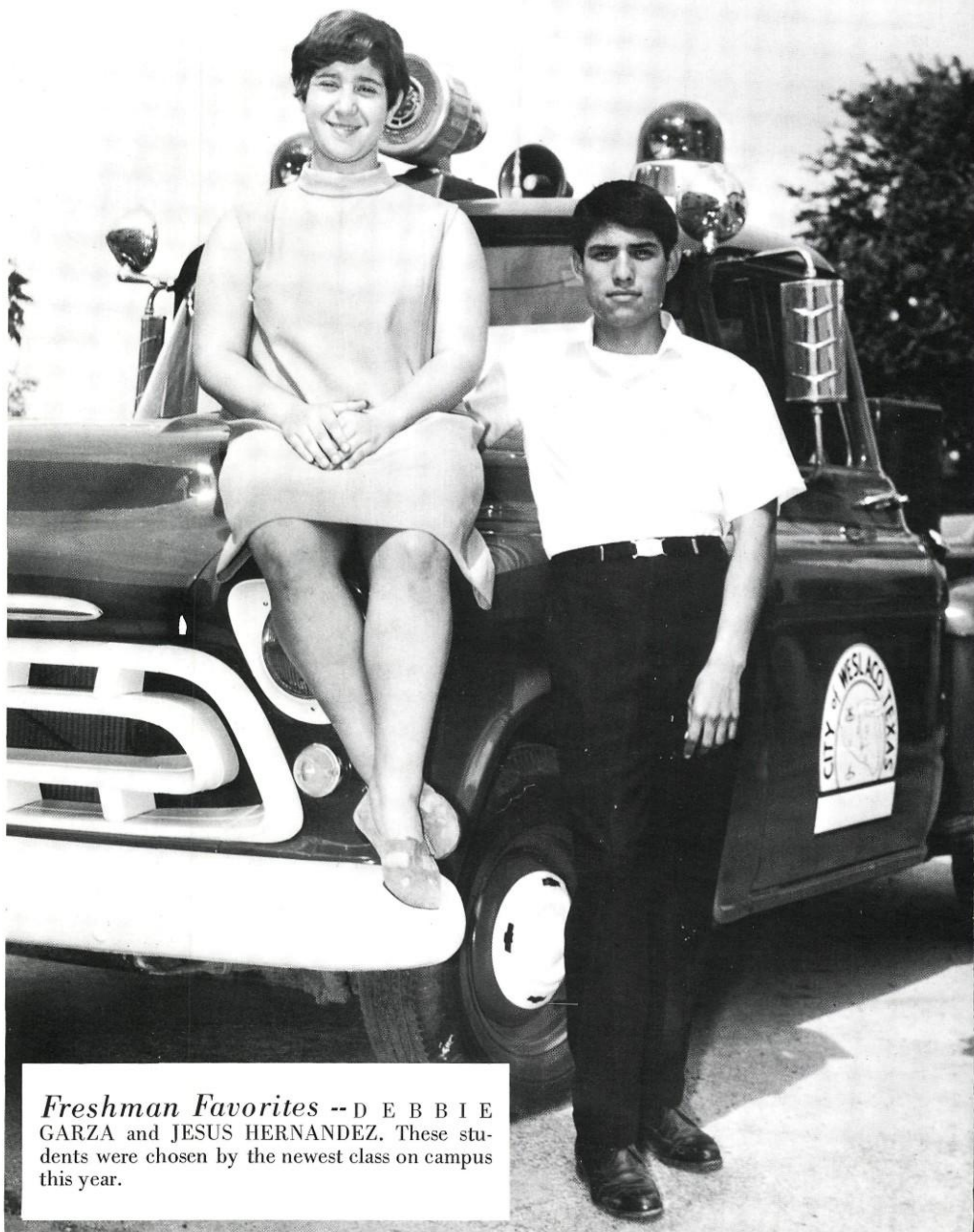
*Junior Favorites* -- MARY ELLEN PAYNE and RICHARD RODRIGUEZ. Mary Ellen and Richard were chosen by the junior class as their favorite classmates.





*Sophomore Favorites* -- N O R M A SILVA and JOHN CAIN. John and Norma are active, popular members of the class of 334 sophomores.





*Freshman Favorites* -- D E B B I E GARZA and JESUS HERNANDEZ. These students were chosen by the newest class on campus this year.



## Senior Girls Compete For City Honors



Queen Nellie Sue Garza heads the royal court of Weslaco. Her four princesses are Elaine Lyons, Carol Jean Meiners, Anita Ligon, and Barbara Scott. The group represents the city at many events.



Candidates for queen included: Carole Cummings, Ella Ray Gorhum, Anita Ligón, Carol Meiners, Barbara Callaway, Marsha Ford, Ann Clay, Rita Kolvik, Mary Esther Henry, Marsha Veltman, Ernestina Guerra, Joanne Seeber, Susan Linderman, Nancy Wallace, Barbara Scott, Marianne Putman, Norma Ramon, Margaret Swanzey, Betsy Payne, Jeanne Bullion, Elsa Villarreal, Nellie Sue Garza, Elaine Lyons, and Barbara Graham.



## *Queen Nellie Sue Garza Reigns*



Nellie Sue Garza, 1967 homecoming queen, receives congratulations and a bouquet of mums from Mr. Jack Frost, school superintendent, as Jo Pinalez, Nellie's escort, looks on.



## *Candidates, Duchesses Participate*



Homecoming Queen candidates (above picture) are Barbara Callaway, Nellie Sue Garza, and Adelina Luera. Their escorts are Glenn Jones, Jose Pinaldez, and Noc Garza.

Class duchesses (right picture) are Diane Hefley, sophomore duchess; Olga Ruiz, junior duchess; and Alicia Pina, freshman duchess. Their escorts are Mark McManus, Carlos Garza, and Felix Rodriguez.





# Varsity Cheerleaders

Jeanne Bullion

Dee Ann Moore

Beth Ussery



Nancy Wallace



Mary Ellen Payne



Margaret Swanzey



## *Drum Major And Twirlers*

Nellie Sue Garza

Janis Chandler

Marianne Putman

Barbara Scott

Marsha Veltman

Klee Frantz

Mary Esther Henry

Carol Cummings

Carol Jean Meiners



## Sweethearts Of 1967-68



Kissing Carmen Gracia, 1967-68 Panther Sweetheart, are Robert Campos and Andres Noriega, co-captains of the Panther football team.



Presented with a gift and crown is Robert Campos, 1967-68 Pep Squad beau.



Joanne Seeber  
Key Club



Larry Wilson  
Y-Teens



Pablo Castaneda  
FHA



Danny Reyna  
Pantherette





Presenting band sweetheart, Mary Esther Henry, with a bouquet of red roses is Nellie Sue Garza, drum major.



Barbara Callaway  
FFA



Dee Ann Moore  
FFA



Mary Castaneda  
ICT



Ramona Ybarra  
DE

Basing the selections of sweethearts and beaux on the basis of service to an organization plus personality, various clubs and organizations at WHS continued the popular tradition.

These campus personalities are presented in an assortment of styles. Panther Sweetheart and Band Sweetheart are presented at football games. The annual Spring Concert provides the setting for the naming of Choir Sweetheart and Beau. The Pep Squad Beau receives his recognition at the annual Pep Squad-Football Banquet. Similarly, the Future Homemakers Beau is presented at a special program. Other campus personalities receive the honor of being named a club favorite in various club procedures.



Presented as the choir favorites are Joe Pinaldez, beau and Anita Ligon, sweetheart.



## Rita Comes To Campus From Norway



Foreign Exchange student Rita and her American "sister" Margaret Swanzey hang a Norwegian hand-made Christmas ornament on the family tree.



Representing different nationalities while Sing Out members sing "What Color is God's Skin" is Rita in her Norwegian costume, Merrie Frost in an oriental outfit and David Bennett in leierhosen.



"Where Have All The Flowers Gone" sings Rita (fourth from left) in the Senior Talent Show. Rita participated in many of the extra-curricular activities in her year at WHS.



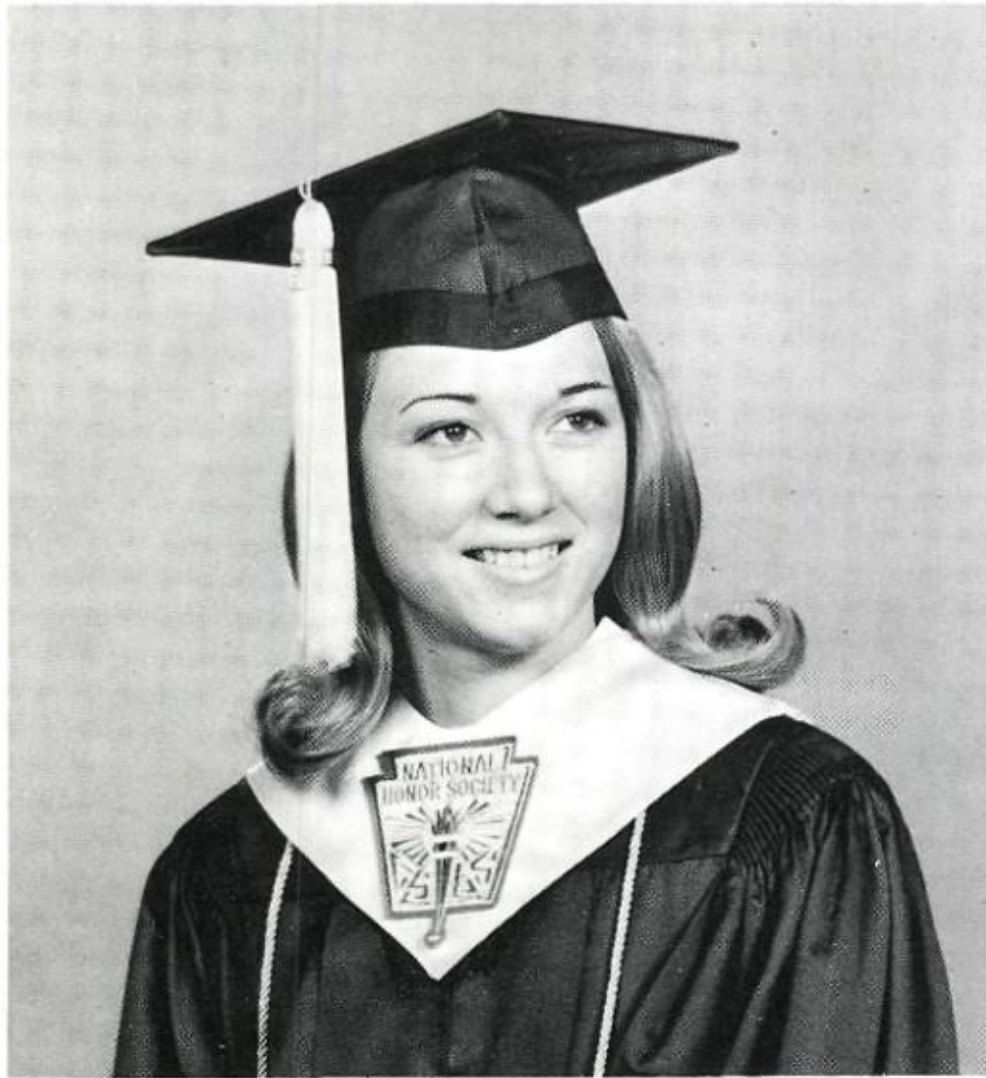


*Hi-Life Editor* is ALAN SMITH. Alan has served as the editor of the Weslaco Hi-Life for two years.

*La Palma Editor* is BARBARA GRAHAM. Barbara has been the La Palma editor for the past two years.



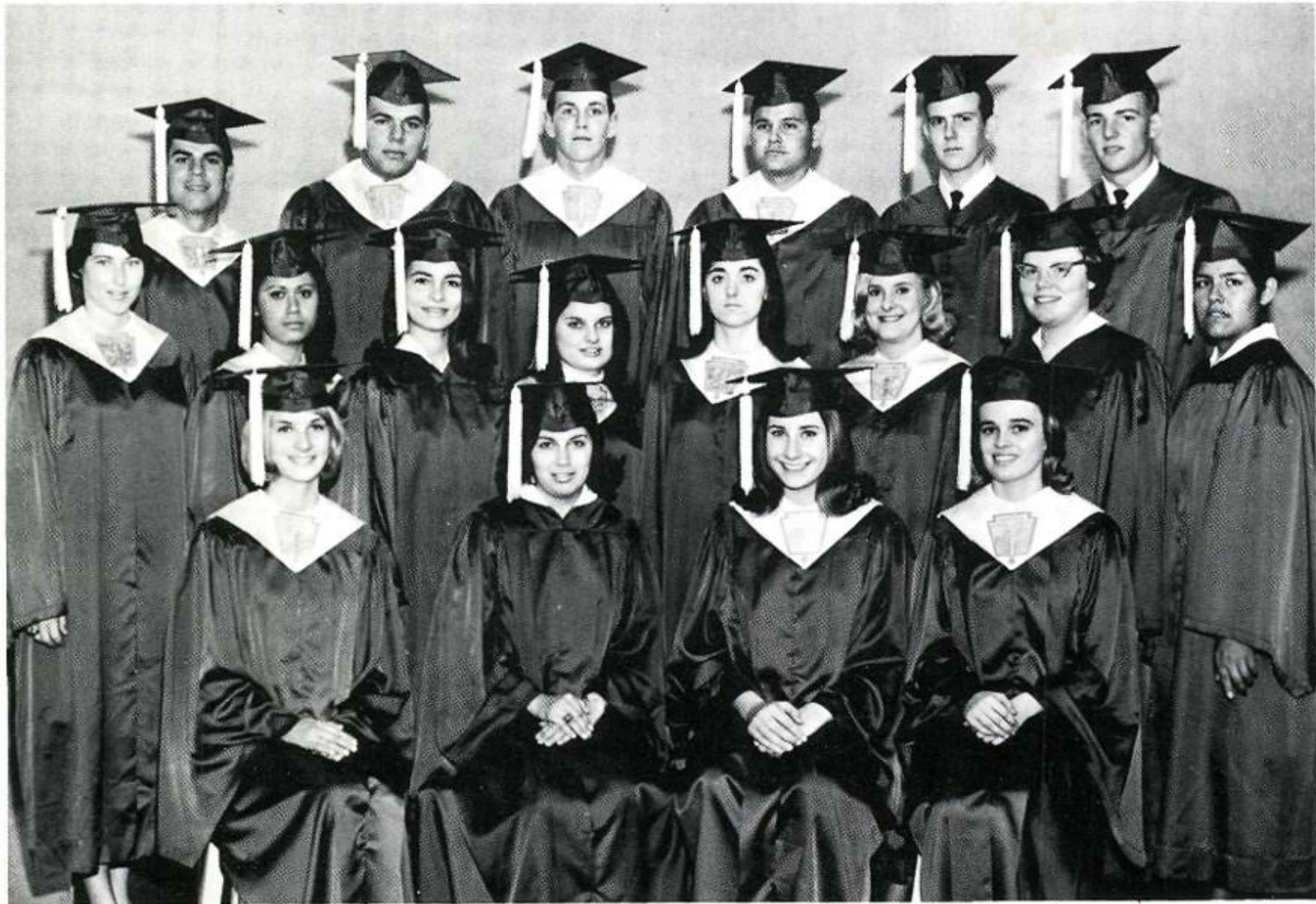
## *Twenty Make Honor Grades*



Carol Jean Meiners  
Valedictorian



Alan Smith  
Salutatorian



Honor graduates include (sitting) Marsha Veltman, Yolanda Salinas, Margaret Swanzey, and Barbara Graham; (second row) Marsha Ford, Alicia Espinoza, Nellie Sue Garza, Janice Randolph, Joanne Seeber, Mary Esther Henry, Beverly Deer, and Andrea Villarreal; (top row) Joe Pinalez, Hector Salinas, Larry Wilson, Andres Noriega, David Waddell, and Tommy Bradford.





Receiving awards on Senior Day were (front row) Ella Ray Gorhum, Literary Review Club Award; Carol Jean Meiners, Band Parents Arion Award, Crisco Award; Margaret Swanzey, Yoder Choir Award; Mary Esther Henry, Rotary Club Leadership; Marsha Ford, Betty Crocker, American Legion Citizenship, DAR; and Betsy Payne, Babe Ruth Sportsmanship; (top row) Larry Wilson, Kiwanis Service; Alan Smith, Rotary Club Leadership, Fine Arts, Lion's Club Journalism, American Legion Citizenship; Thomas Huefner, Lion's Club Science; Andres Noriega, Babe Ruth Sportsmanship; and Bryan Drake, Bobby Lackey Athletic Award.

## *Seniors Receive Awards On Class Day*



Mr. J.C. Wood, WHS principal, presented the twenty honor graduates at the annual Senior Awards Day Assembly on May 1. The class poem was read by Anita Ligon, and the class prophecy was read by Marsha Veltman.



## Groups Honor Citizens, Scholars



Kenneth Rakestraw



Ronnie McManus



Ernest Frerking



Theresa McCaleb



Becky Allen



Rotary scholars are (front row) Vicki Ellison, Carol Jean Meiners, and Theresa McCaleb; (second row) Janet Hansen, Marsha Ford, and Mary Esther Henry; (third row) Ernest Frerking and Hector Salinas. Not shown are Alicia Espinoza, Alan Smith, Larry Wilson, and Kenneth Rakestraw.

Girls and Boys State, sponsored annually by the American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary, held each summer in Austin, is designed to better acquaint students in high school with the working of state and local government. Learning practical politics by participating in organizing a mythical state and political parties, delegates campaign and elect officials from the local to state level. Delegates also visit state buildings and converse with state officials. Boys State delegates this year are Kenneth Rakestraw, Ronnie McManus, and Ernest Frerking with alternates Nelson Valdes, Pat Bachelder and David Whitley. Chosen to attend Girls State are Theresa McCaleb and Becky Allen with Dee Ann Moore alternate.

Rotary scholastic jackets and patches are awarded yearly by the Weslaco Rotary Club to students who have maintained at least a 94 yearly average with no semester grade below 90.

The students must be sophomore to gain this honor. After the second year of maintaining the high average students are awarded a patch if they are not yet seniors. Seniors who achieve the honor grades are awarded with keys.



## *Honor Journalists At Banquet*



Initiated into the Quill and Scroll National Journalism Society were seniors (front row) Barbara Graham, Frances Matamoros, and Yolanda Salinas; (back row) Alan Smith, Tommy Bradford (installing officer) Raul Arredondo, and Bryan Drake. Each made significant contributions to the publications of WHS.



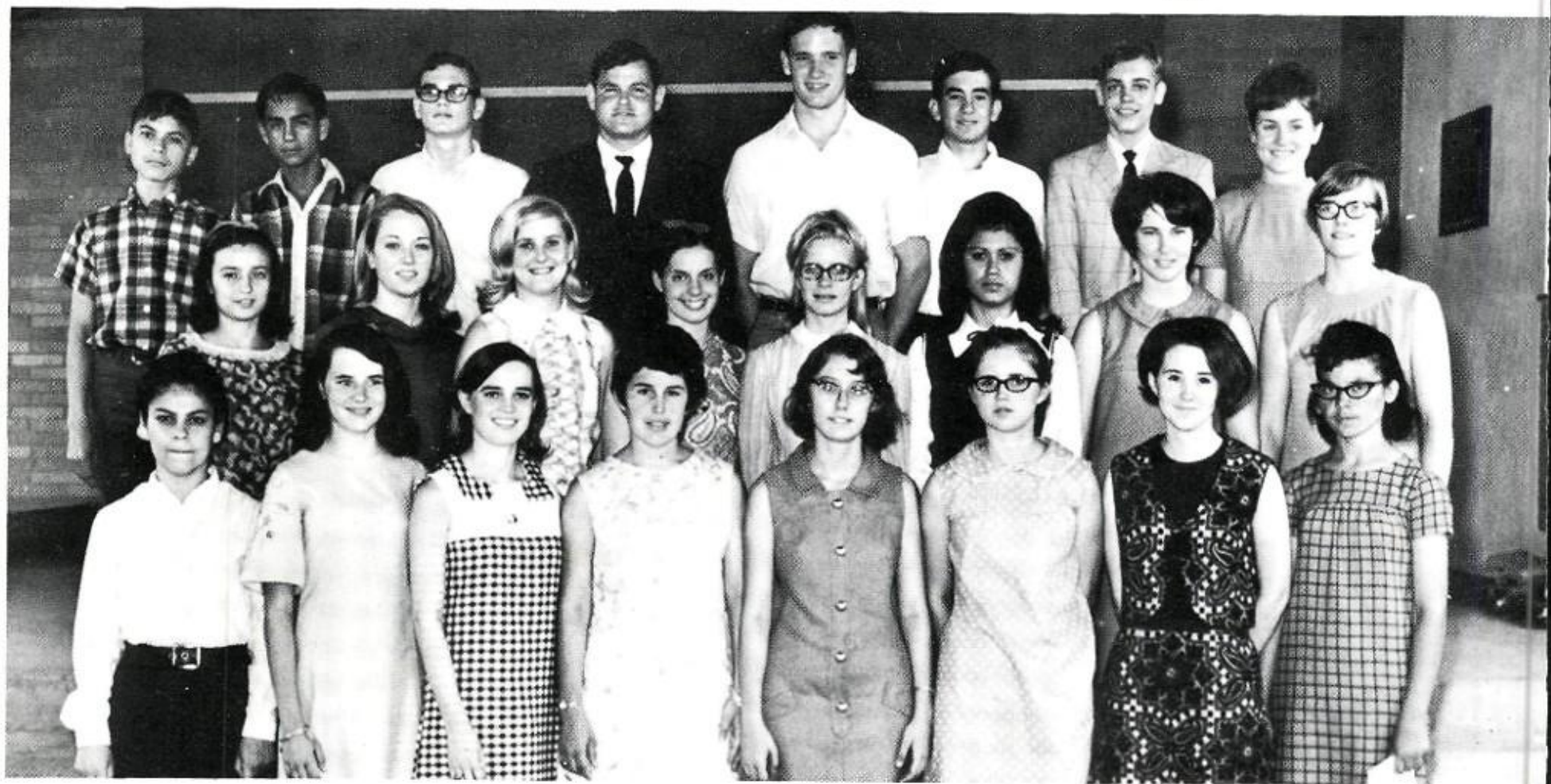
Journalists who received special awards during the annual Publications Banquet include Rene Correa, Clair Johnson, Tania Knowles, Debbie King, and Peggy Bradford.





WHS seniors who are featured in Who's Who Among Student Leaders in American High Schools are Alan Smith, Mary Esther Henry, Hector Salinas, Carol Jean Meiners, Larry Wilson, Barbara Graham, Andres Noriega, Alicia Espinoza, and Marsha Ford.

## *Leadership, Scholarship Are Recognized*



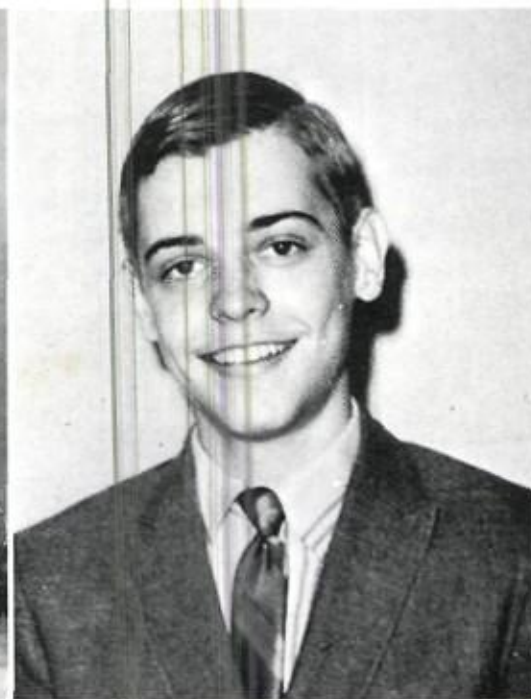
Scholastic Excellence Award winners, those who made the honor roll for five six weeks or more include (front row) Emma Pinaldez, Charit Oglevee, Barbara Graham, Enedelia Garza, Joan Anderson, Lillian Stanford, Mary Nell Larson, and Flora Blanco; (second row) Norma Mendez, Carol Meiners, Mary Esther Henry, Theresa McCaleb, Jackie Rainey, Alicia Espinoza, Marsha Ford, and Peggy Bradford; (top row) Alex Gonzalez, Hector Salinas, Jerry Graham, Andres Noriega, Ronald Smith, Nelson Valdez, Ernest Frerking, and Janet Hansen.



## Student Excellence Is Rewarded



Departmental award winners are S. Linderman, M. Bautista, B. Carranza, B. Graham, L. Martinez, and O. Ruiz; (second row) B. Ussery, R. White, N. Mendez, T. McCaleb, E. Lyons, J. Anderson, M. Cortez, and Y. Salinas; (third row) V. Glace, R. Correa, O. de Leon, T. Cadena, S. Ramsey, and D. Verser; (fourth row) M. Rockwell, R. Herrera, J. Cain, D. Raleigh, J. Pena, and E. Frerking; (back row) R. Smith, A. Smith, T. Bradford, J. McDaniel, H. Salinas, L. Ledesma, and C. Cantu.



Scoring second in ready writing at the regional level this year was Ernest Frerking.



Special award winners are (front row) Barbara Graham, Theresa McCaleb, Nancy Wallace, and Joye Frost; (top row) John Cain, Alan Smith, Luis Ledesma, and Ernest Frerking.



Industrial Arts Fair senior division best project winner was Juan Webber with his ball peen hammer.



Area second place dairy judging team members include Ray Harbison, Jay Johnson, and Steve Harbison. Not shown is Harold Luce.



Jesus Rivera placed third in the student selected division of the Vocational Industrial Clubs of America state competition.



President for the Valley Pan American Student Forum Council chosen this year is Theresa McCaleb.



## FFA, UIL Participants Win Honors



Roy Lyles, secretary of FFA, exhibits the 1968 Champion Breeding Hog Division of the Hampshire Boar Division banner and the first place Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show ribbon for the chapter's hog.



Interscholastic League Competition second place winners are Armando Hinojosa, Ruth Marie White, and Ernest Frerking.



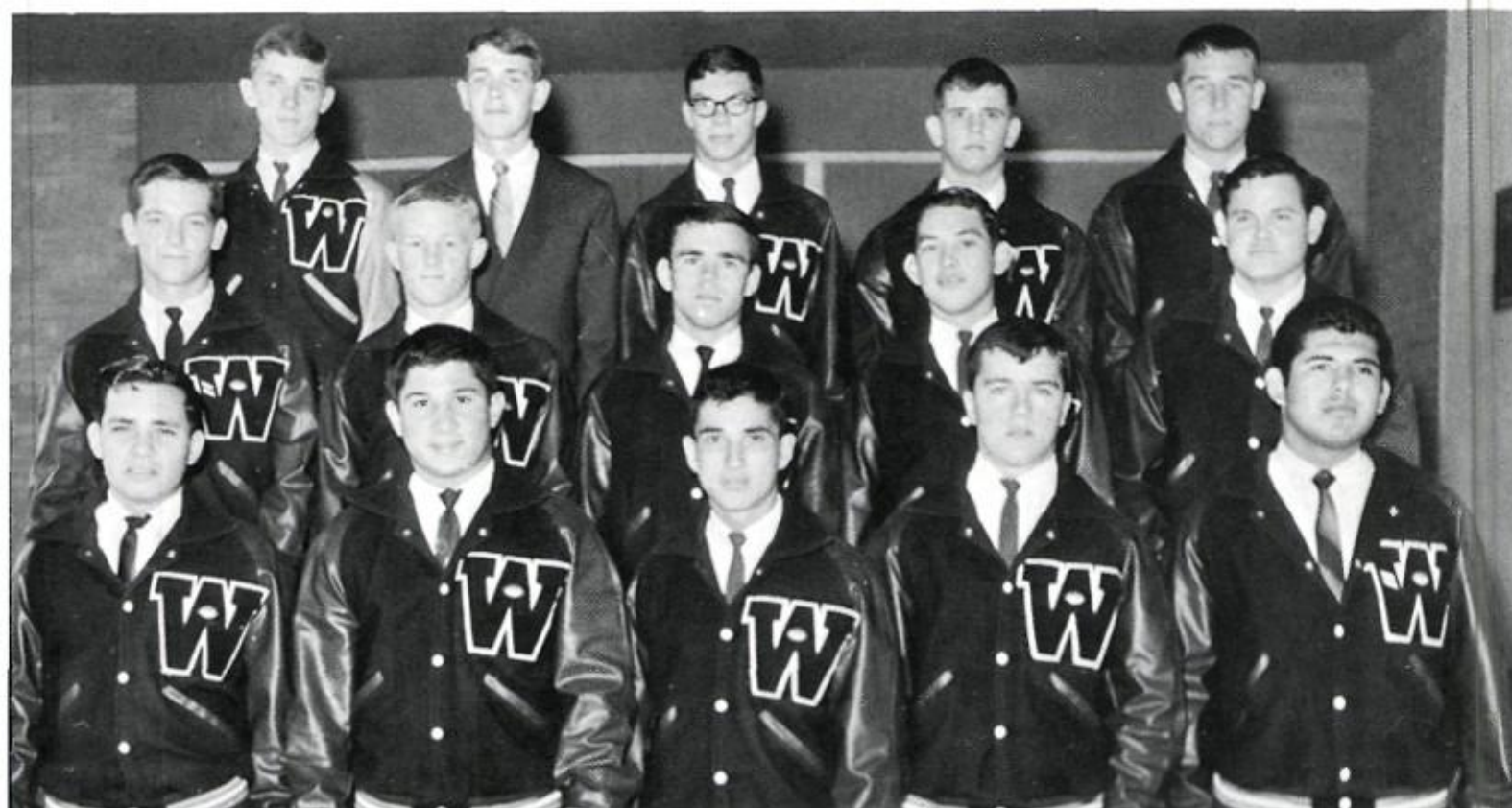
Alan Smith and Rene Correa received second place as a team at the district journalism meet held in Mission. Alan was chosen alternate for the regional meet held in Corpus Christi.



Future Farmers received four first place ribbons at the livestock show. Winners are Daniel Garcia and Damian Ozuna, Charolais cross and Jim McDaniel and Feliciano Garcia, Hog Breeding Division.



## Athletes Achieve Distinction



Receiving membership in the Lettermen's Club are (front row) P. Castaneda, T. Gracia, J. Villarreal, R. Parker, and J. Hernandez; (second row) G. Bullion, S. Henson, D. Cardenas, G. Pena, and A. Noriega; (top row) R. Talbert, L. Wilson, B. Drake, M. Donalson, and D. Whitley.



Robert Solether was the district golf runner-up medalist winner this year.



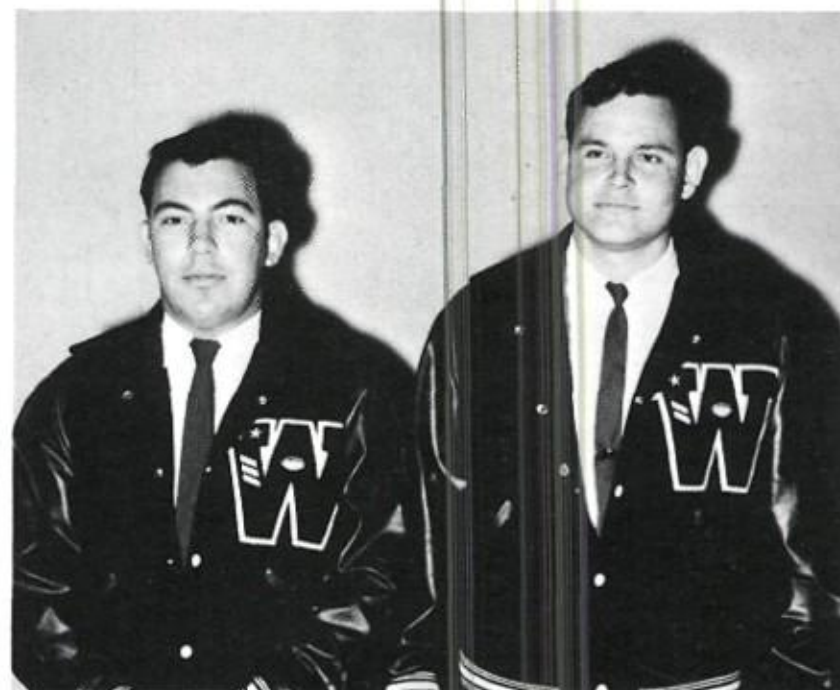
All-District football players are Tony Gracia, Pete Vasquez, Robert Campos, and Andres Noriega.



All-District roundballers include Albert Porter, Betsy Payne, and Janie Reyna.



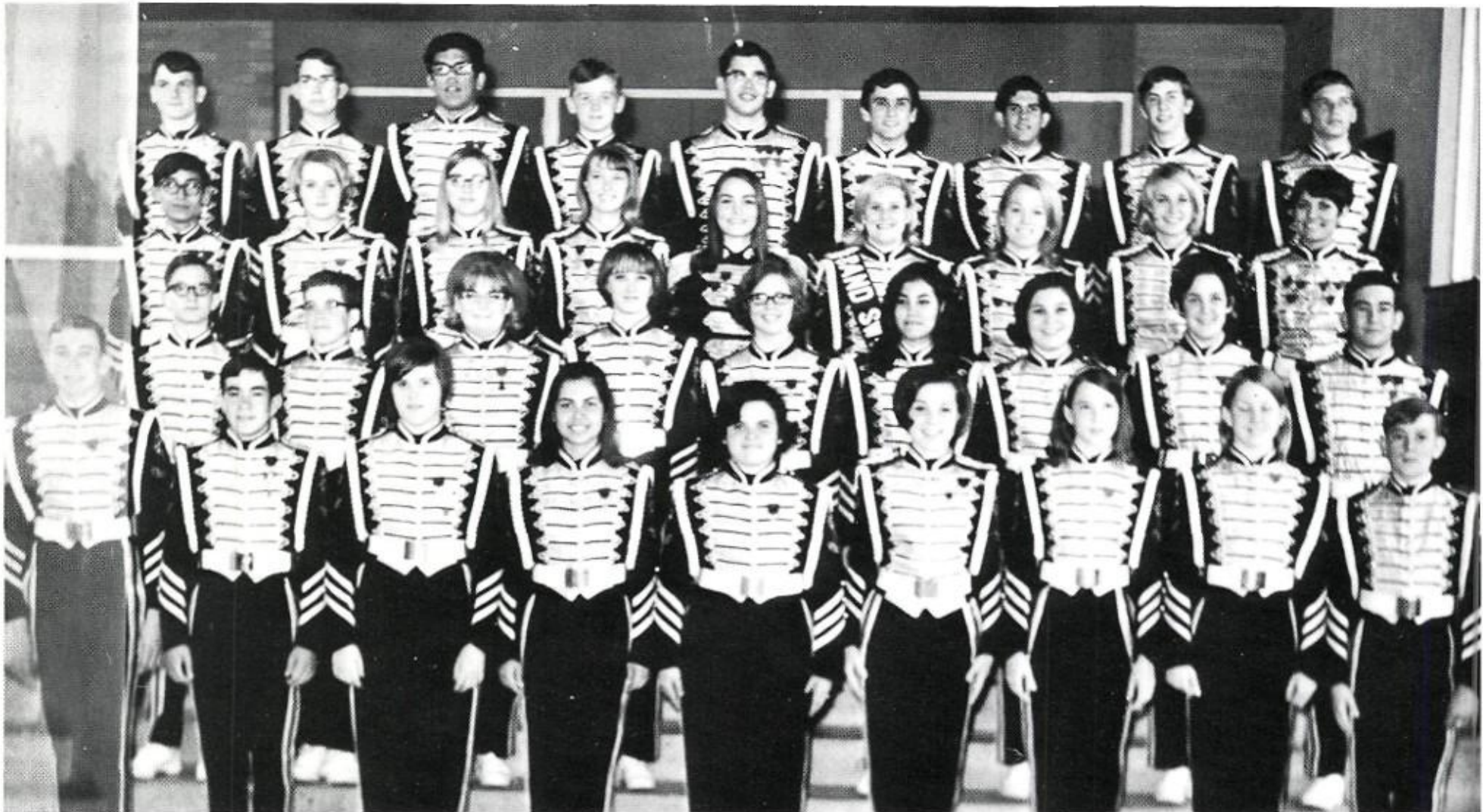
Peggy Ford, Beverly Tobola, Albert Porter, and Rochelle Barker, members of the 440 yard relay team, competed in the state track meet in Austin. Rochelle placed first in the regional meet in the 60 yard dash and competed at the state meet in this event also.



Robert Campos was named a member of the Purple Panther Club, and Andres Noriega was named to the Valley Scholastic football team.



## *Band, Choir Musicians Take*



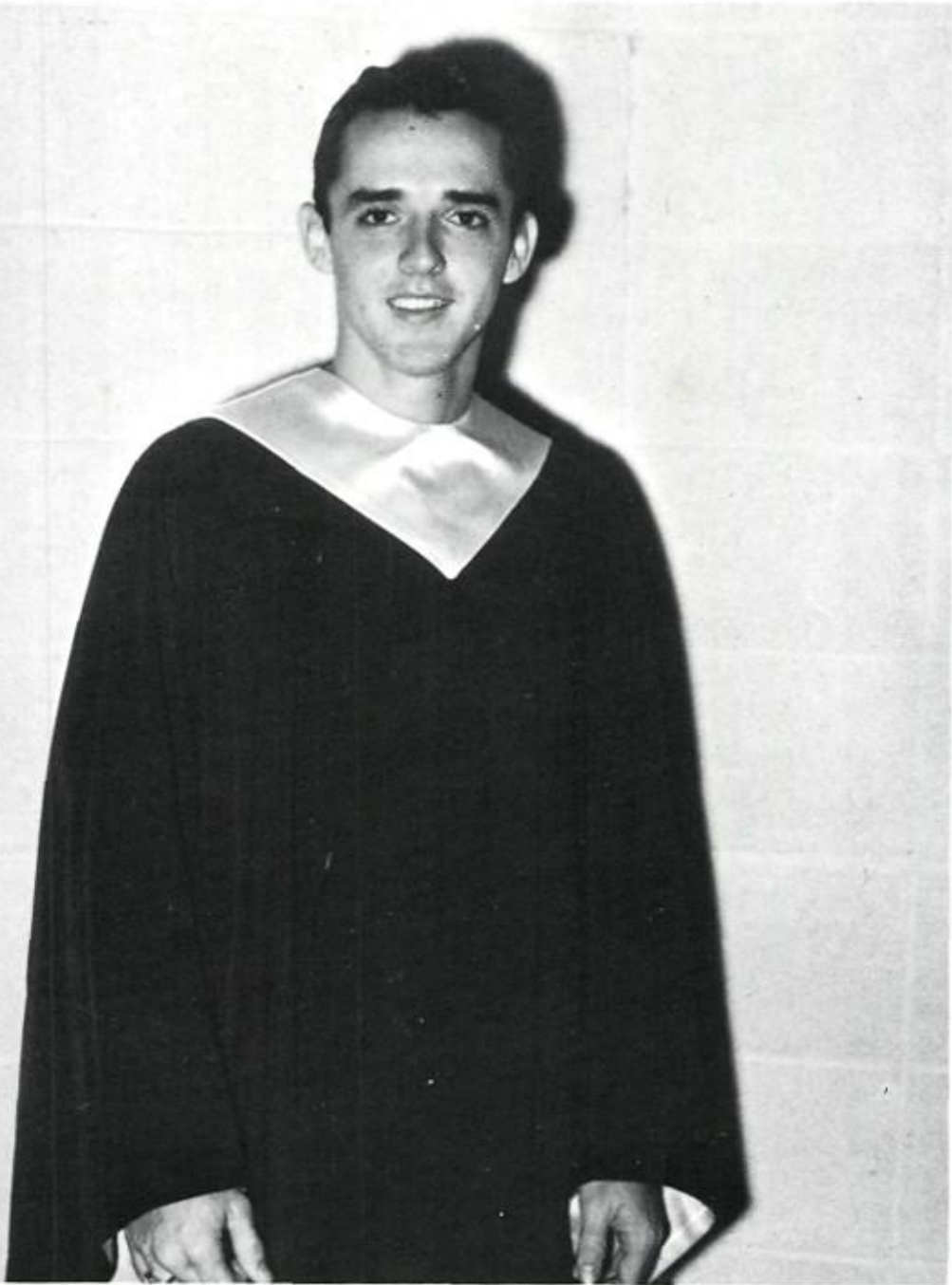
Winners of first divisions in the solo and ensemble competition in band are (front row) B. Watson, R. Valdes, P. Wolfe, J. Munguia, S. Cuellar, C. Cummings, P. Gremes, S. Cummings, and R. Smith; (second row) S. Frantz, K. Panzer, B. Eilers, J. Dawson, L. Stanford, L. Huerta, I. Martinez, D. Hall, and N. Valdes; (third row) R. Cruz, K. Frantz, J. Chandler, M. Putman, N. Garza, M. Henry, C. Meiners, M. Veltman, and B. Scott; (top row) T. Michalk, R. Jenkins, J. Garcia, D. Hansen, R. Correa, A. Hinojosa, J. McMillian, J. Triplett, and C. Wood.



Band students who received first division ratings on their solos in UIL competition include (front row) B. Scott, D. Hall, J. Bohmfalk, J. Rainey, and D. Garza; (second row) C. Massey, D. Hansen, B. Mattar, R. Correa, G. Davis, and A. Hinojosa.



# Solo And Ensemble Firsts



(left picture) Achieving a position in the state choir is Ronnie Crawford, a senior choir member. (above picture) Anita Ligon received a first division rating on her solo in UIL competition.



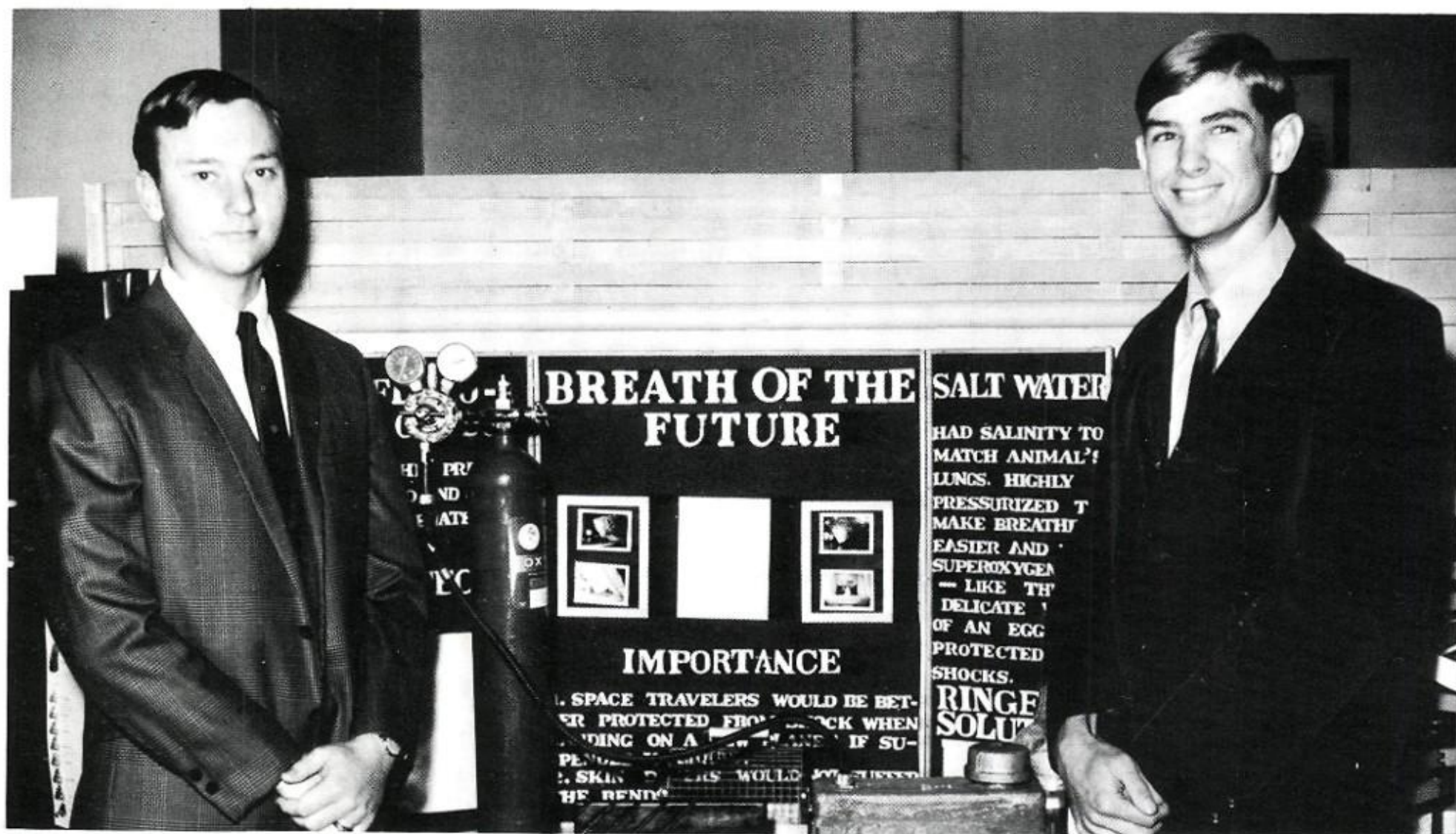
Rene Correa and Gary Davis, sophomores, will play in the state solo and ensemble competition in Austin during June.



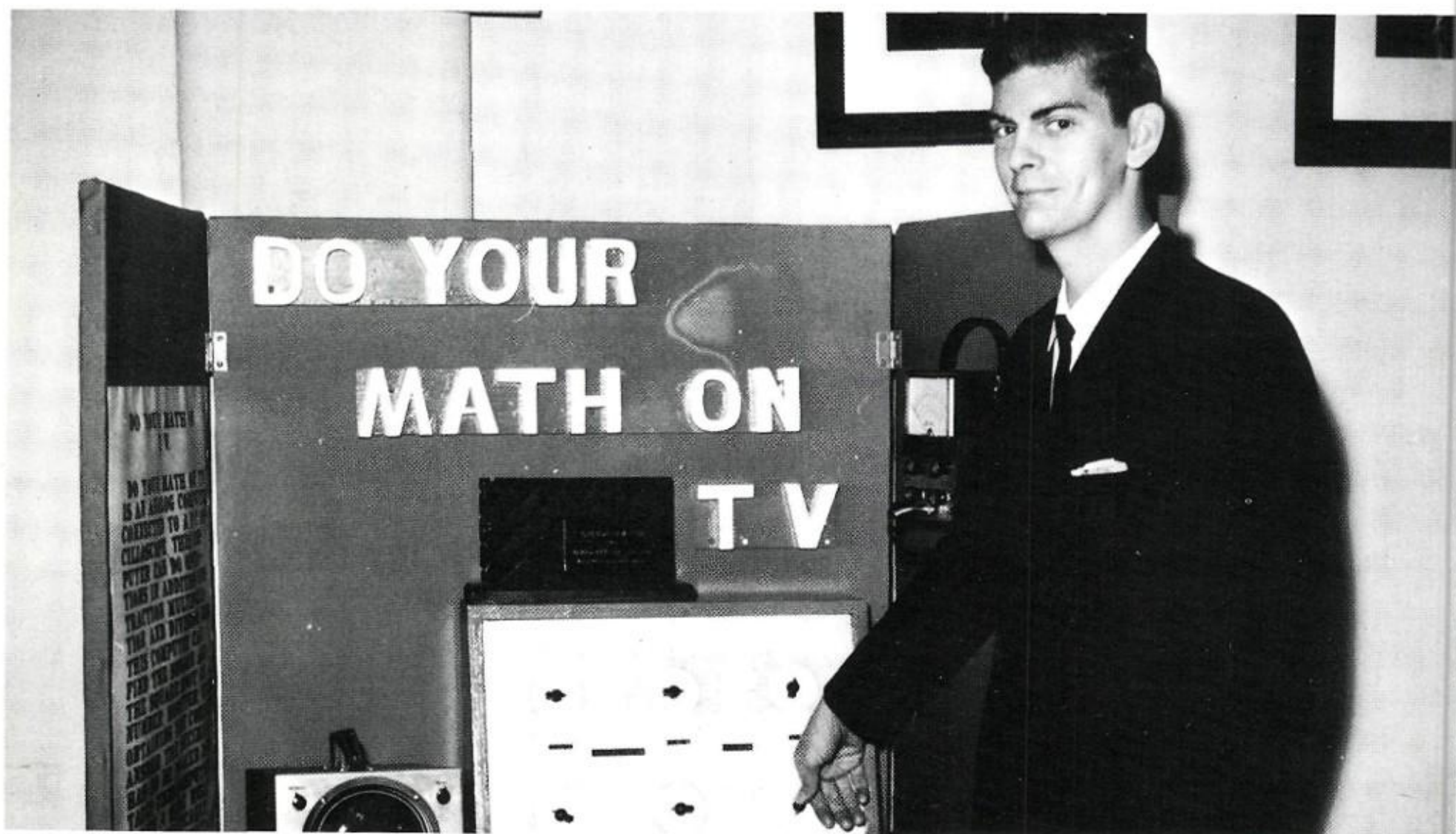
A first division rating was awarded to Vicki Ellison, Becky Allen, and Anita Ligon for their girls ensemble in UIL competition. This is a choir event.



## Fair Champions Win At Regional

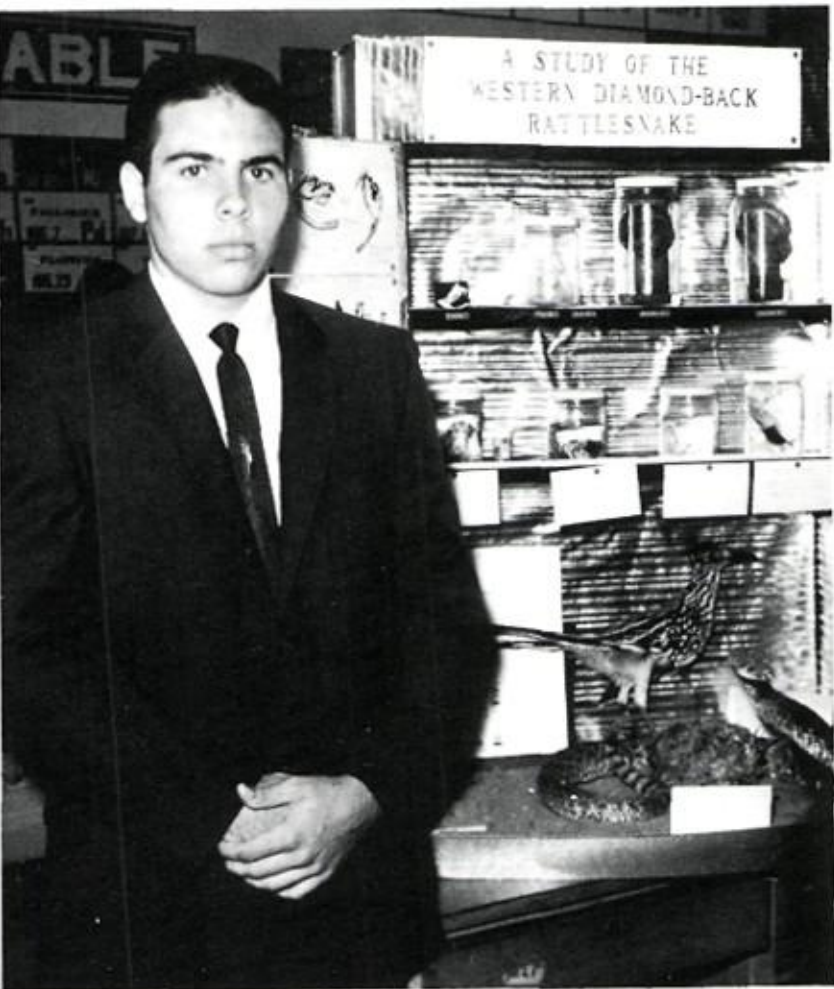


Ronnie McManus and Paul Leach, juniors, were grand champion local science fair winners and regional first place winners with their project on fluro-carbon, breath of the future.

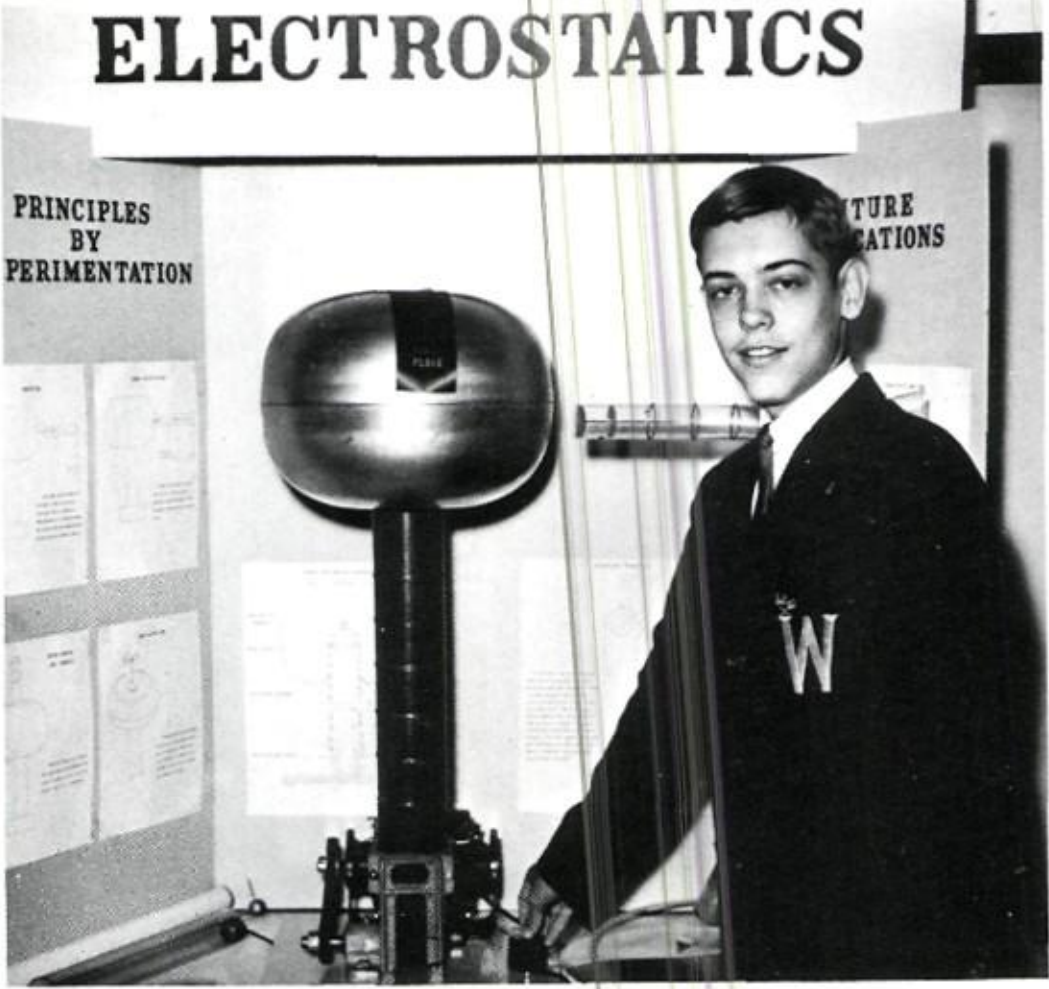


Thomas Huefner, senior, explains how his regional first place winning computer operates. Thomas also won grand champion in the local science fair, physical division.





Armando Cuellar, junior, won first place in the local science fair with his project on the study of the Diamond-Back rattlesnake.

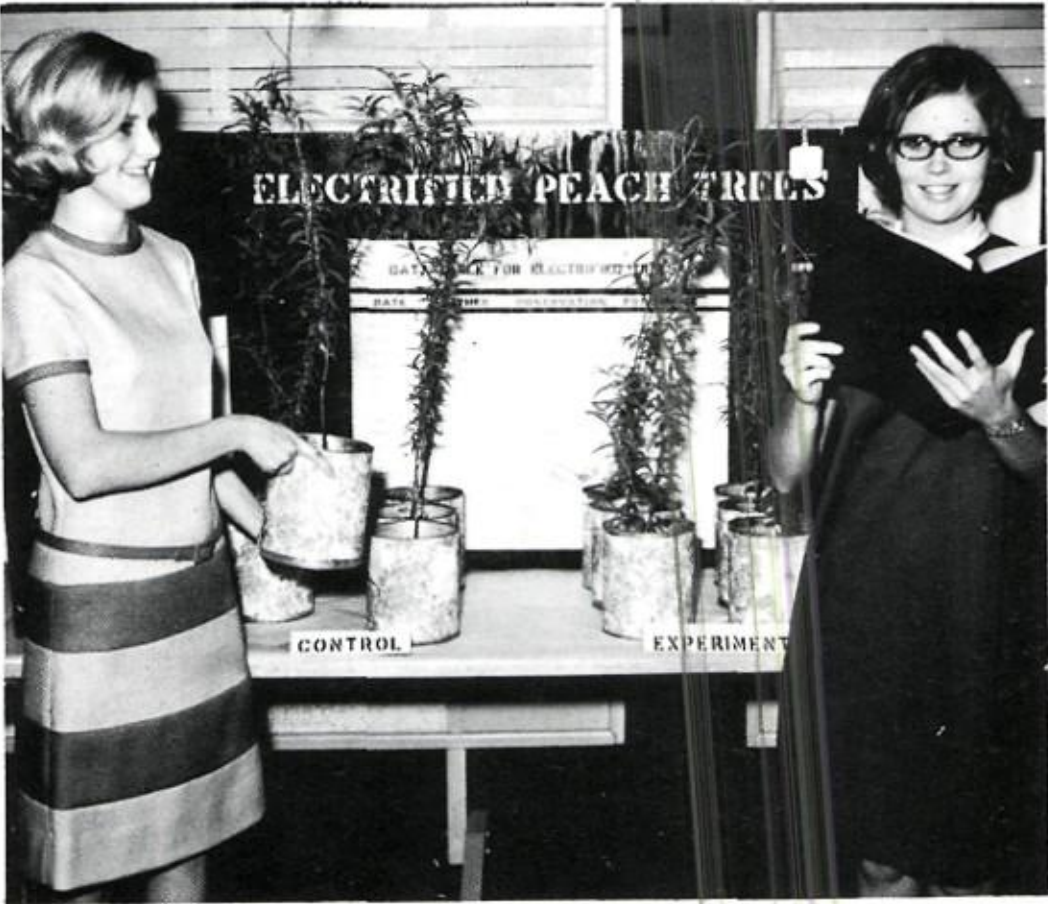


"Electrostatics" was Ernest Frerking's first place winning project in the local science fair.

# *Local Fair Has Four Firsts*



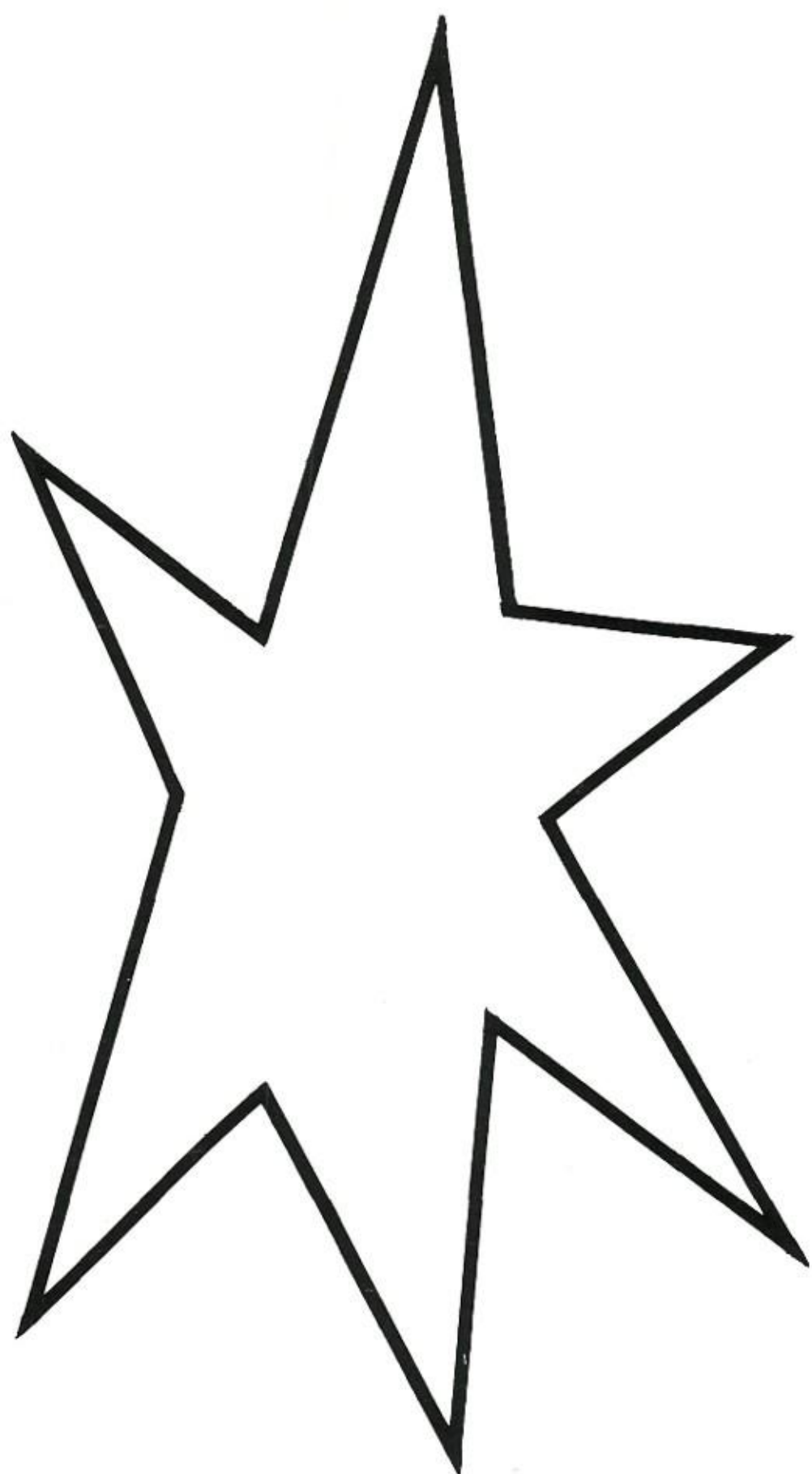
Mike Mattar placed first with his project on toothpastes and mouthwashes in the local science fair.



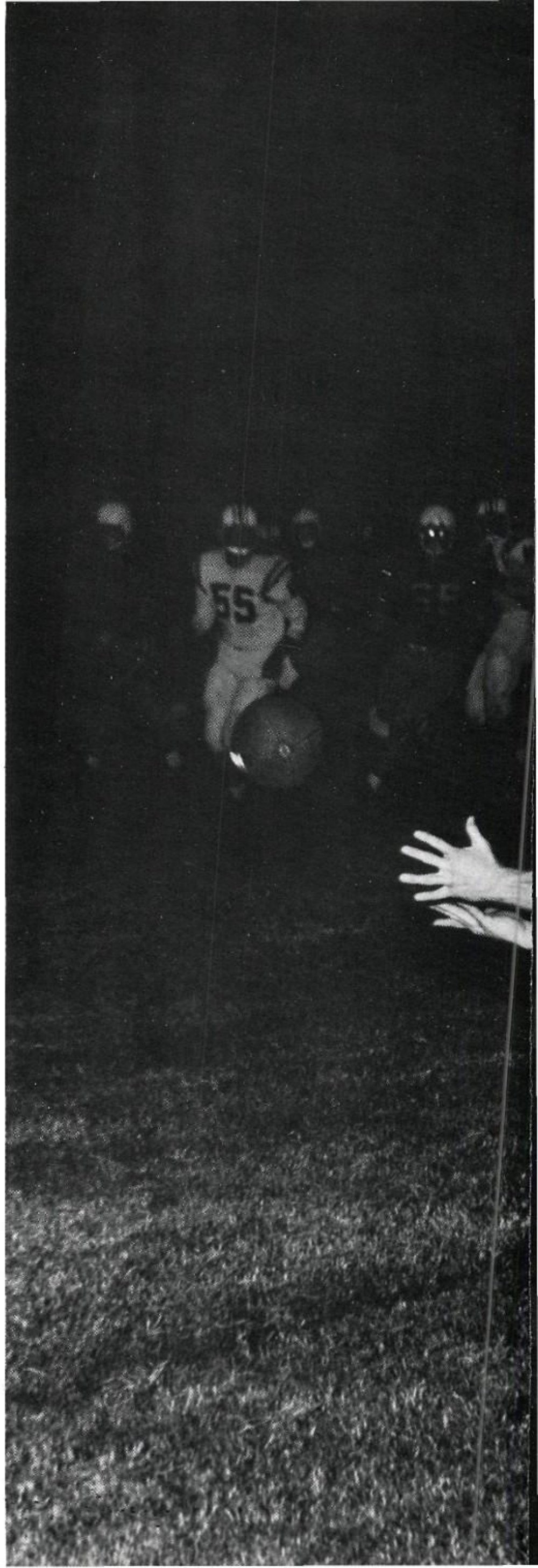
Mary Esther Henry and Lillian Stanford explain their project on electrified peach trees which won first in the local science fair and third in the regional fair.



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# Panther Season Disappointing,



Jumping high to knock down an Edcouch-Elsa Yellowjacket pass are safeties Steve Henson and Roy Parker, both sophomores. Underclassmen played a big role on the team as only five seniors returned.

Weslaco's Panther Varsity season was disappointing in spots but three wins in the last four games and 17 returning lettermen should spark a great deal of interest in next year's season.

With only five returning lettermen, a lack of depth, and numerous injuries the Panthers won three district games and dropped the two non-district games to AAA opponents.

The team had its moment of glory though in its season finale against Mercedes by running over the Tigers 46-13 including a touchdown pass on the first play of scrimmage of that game. The shutouts over Laredo Nixon on a muddy Wednesday night and Rio Grande City were also welcome.



Scoring in Weslaco's 46-13 romp over Mercedes is Juan Villarreal, halfback.



Defense played an important part in the Mercedes backfield to stop the Tigers on a Monday night in



## *But Future Is Brighter*



Israel Bustillos, senior, scoops up one of five Falfurrias fumbles of the game as Robert Campos (67), George Cardenas (30), and Tony Gracia (75) come in on the play. The Jerseys won the game 12-8.



1967-68 season. Weslaco defenders pour into on a first down situation. The game was ed schedule after Hurricane Beulah.



Scrambling toward the end zone is George Cardenas, Panther back, who caught a pass from quarterback Gary Bullion only a few feet from the goal in the Donna game. The play was called back as Bullion had stepped across the line of scrimmage.



## Varsity, B And Frosh Teams



Two big wins over Laredo Nixon and Mercedes ended the Panther varsity season. On the 1967 varsity squad were (front row) Tony Gracia, Henson, Pablo Castaneda, George Cardenas, and Juan Villarreal, (second row) Robert Meza, Mat Donalson, Gary Bullion, Joe Sepulveda, Juan Salinas, and Armando Cuellar; (back row) David Whitley, Rene Sanchez, Andres Noriega, Bonifacio Meza, Pete Vasquez, Mike Vasquez, Joe Bryan Drake.



### *B - Team Record*

| We | Opponents       | They |
|----|-----------------|------|
| 8  | Harlingen       | 24   |
| 16 | Edcouch-Elsa    | 0    |
| 6  | Falfurrias      | 20   |
| 16 | Raymondville    | 22   |
| 28 | Donna           | 6    |
| 30 | Bio Grande City | 12   |
| 0  | Mission         | 16   |
| 8  | Edinburg        | 28   |

B-Team members wound up the season with four wins to their credit. Team members included (front row) Joaquin Lugo, Israel Ramos, Juan Castaneda, Raul Pinalez, Willie Moore, and Juan Trevino; (second row) Epifanio Elizondo, Luis Rivera, Bobby Bullion, David Raleigh, Robert Rios, Alfredo Castillo, Joe de Leon and Sammy Gamez; (back row) Ronald Smith, Randy Talbert, Billy Gossett, George Rohr, Hector Benitez, Juan Villarreal, Sergio Delgado and John Martinez.



# Have Mixed Seasons

## Varsity Record

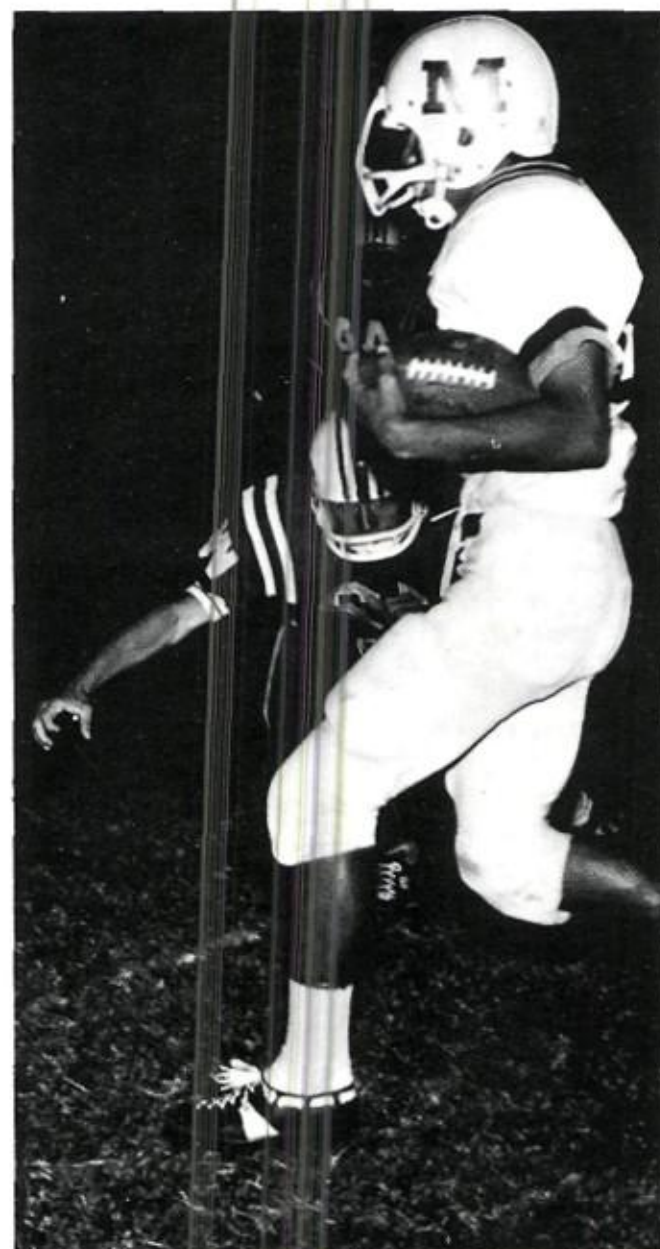
| We | Opponents        | They |
|----|------------------|------|
| 9  | San Benito       | 14   |
| 0  | Harlingen        | 34   |
| 6  | *Edcouch-Elsa    | 12   |
| 8  | *Falfurrias      | 12   |
| 6  | *Raymondville    | 53   |
| 7  | *Donna           | 14   |
| 7  | *Rio Grande City | 0    |
| 0  | *Mission         | 30   |
| 20 | *Laredo-Nixon    | 0    |
| 46 | *Mercedes        | 13   |

\*Denotes district games

The football season was jumbled by Hurricane Beulah and Friday the thirteenth proved to be bad luck for the Panther varsity this year.

Fans found themselves going to games on a Wednesday and a Monday night as the teams tried to catch up on games following the big blow. The schedule changes resulted from wet ground and playing field damage.

The Raymondville game was played on Friday the thirteenth.



Diving for a tackle of Mission's Eliseo Pompa is Roy Parker, Weslaco defender, as Juan Rodriguez approaches from the rear.

## Freshman Record

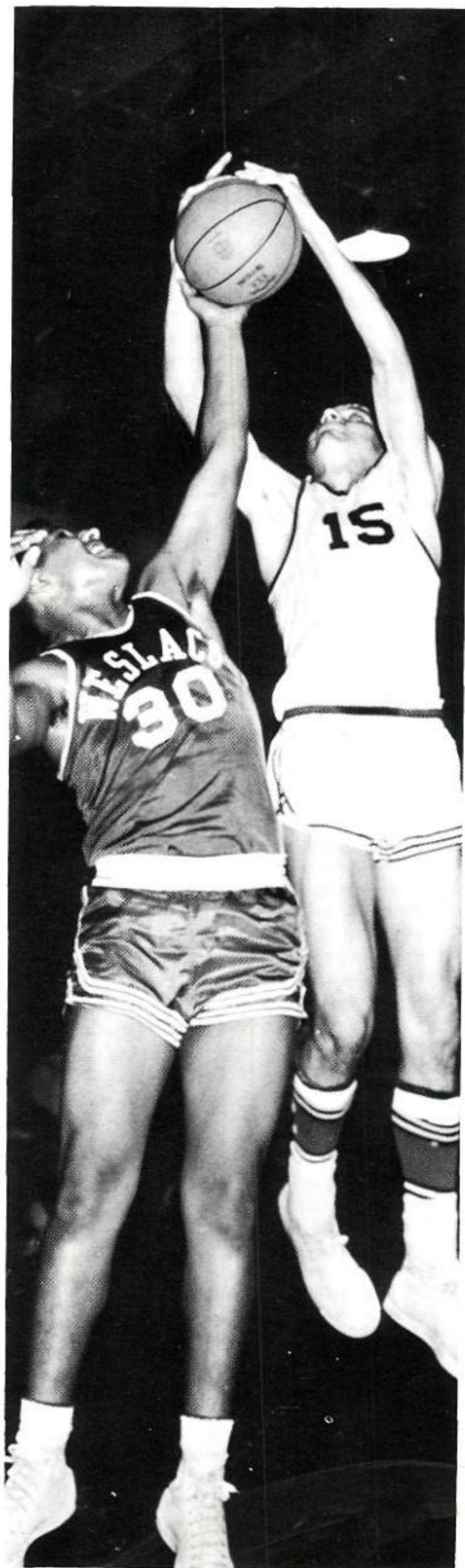
| We | Opponent     | They |
|----|--------------|------|
| 12 | Edcouch-Elsa | 36   |
| 8  | Edcouch-Elsa | 8    |
| 12 | Falfurrias   | 28   |
| 9  | Raymondville | 8    |
| 0  | Mission      | 20   |



Squad members of the freshman football team include (front row) Carlos Salinas, Tommy Parker, Alfredo Rios, Gregorio Quesada, Rolando Castaneda, Larry Moore, and Jesus Hernandez; (second row) Robert Sepulveda, Dan Free, Pete Marshall, Rhett Morrow, Mark Anderson, Albert Pena, Salvador Padilla, and (back row) Pete Blair, Hector Montalvo, Steve Harbison, Xavier Garcia, Mike Real, Chris Frost and Gerald Raleigh.



## Varsity Scores Big Basketball



Jumping for a rebound is Mike Vasquez, sophomore, as an Edcouch-Elsa player grabs for the ball, too.



Varsity players for this year include (front) Bryan Drake, Steve Henson, and Larry Wilson; (second row) Pedro Vasquez, George Pena, and Albert Pena; (back) Wayne Myers, Mike Bachelder, Mike Vasquez, and Randy Talbert. Senior lettermen were Drake, Wilson, and Bachelder.



Attempting a steal from a Raymondville player early in the season is Larry Wilson senior, as the referee checks against a foul.

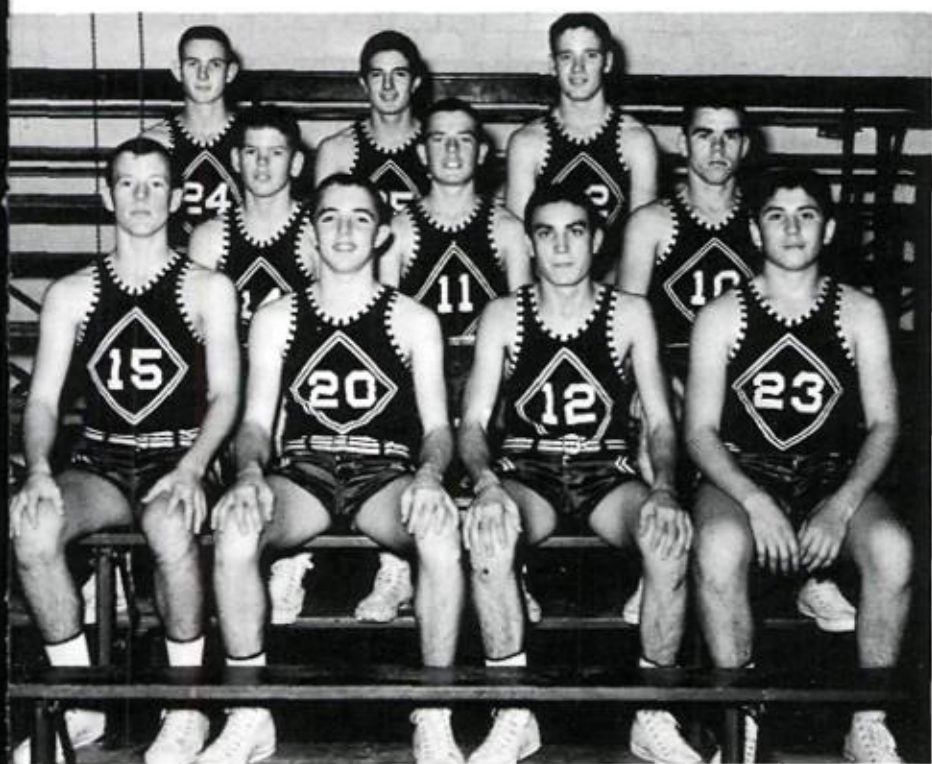


# Win Over Mercedes Tigers

| We | Opponent             | They |
|----|----------------------|------|
| 28 | San Benito           | 58   |
| 39 | St. Joseph Academy   | 79   |
| 19 | Harlingen            | 82   |
| 37 | Pharr-San Juan-Alamo | 68   |
| 42 | St. Joseph Academy   | 77   |
| 27 | Raymondville         | 76   |
| 65 | Mission              | 85   |
| 33 | Falfurrias           | 51   |
| 52 | San Benito           | 68   |
| 26 | Brownsville          | 72   |
| 27 | Donna                | 63   |
| 42 | Laredo Nixon         | 72   |
| 42 | Mercedes             | 52   |
| 35 | Edcouch-Elsa         | 84   |
| 57 | Rio Grande City      | 64   |
| 43 | Raymondville         | 79   |
| 65 | Mission              | 82   |
| 37 | Falfurrias           | 56   |
| 52 | Edinburg             | 75   |
| 41 | Donna                | 55   |
| 69 | Laredo Nixon         | 104  |
| 53 | Mercedes             | 41   |
| 39 | Edcouch-Elsa         | 86   |
| 57 | Rio Grande City      | 58   |



Fighting for the ball in a rough battle under the basket are Mike Vasquez, Wayne Myers, and two Edcouch-Elsa players.



Team roundballers this year are (front row) Chris Frost, Keith Leamer, Joe de Leon, and Sergio Delgado; (second row) John Ellison, Gary Aaron, and George Cardenas; (back row) Barry Dodd, Hector Benitez, and Ronald Smith.



Freshman roundballers include (front row) Robert Sepulveda, Dick Weber, Larry Moore, and Tommy Parker; (second row) Pete Marshall, Alfredo Rios, and Mark Anderson; (third row) Billy Gossett, Bruce Barker, and Peter Blair.





Larry Wilson jumps for a shot while Randy Talbert and two Edcouch-Elsa players watch (top left). Along with the game comes tension as shown by Mike Vasequez on the bench (top right). Mike Bachelder, Bryan Drake, George Pena, and Pete Vasequez study the game with Coach Howell Coleman from the sidelines (bottom).





## Roundball Work Pays Off



Rushing in for a layup in a game while two Edcouch-Elsa girls guard is Betsy Payne. Janie Reyna watches in the background.



Retrieving the ball from the end of the court is Albert Porter. Andrea Villarreal and two Raymondville players follow.

Up go two points as Janie Reyna adds to the Weslaco score. Two Edcouch-Elsa players and Vicki Callaway approach (top). Janie reaches for a rebound in an under-the-basket struggle against Edcouch-Elsa, (right).





## Girls Take District Second



Girl's varsity basketball players came in second in the district this year. Team members are (front row) Andrea Villarreal, Janie Reyna, Albert Porter, and Sandra Aaron; (second row) Vicki Callaway, Ruthie White, Lee Villarreal, and Dee Ann Moore; (back row) Vicki Roberts, Betsy Payne, Peggy Barnes, and Frances Willis.

Girls basketball seasons were very successful with both the varsity and B-Team taking second place in district competition.

In pre-season competition the varsity came in second in the Weslaco Girls Basketball Tournament and took the consolation trophy in the Edcouch Tournament besides winning many games against AA girls teams in La Joya, La Feria, Rio Hondo, Lyford, and Los Fresnos.

District contests ended with these results:

| We | Opponent     | They |
|----|--------------|------|
| 38 | Raymondville | 49   |
| 55 | Donna        | 43   |
| 42 | Edcouch      | 33   |
| 43 | Raymondville | 52   |
| 62 | Donna        | 35   |
| 72 | Edcouch      | 37   |
| 61 | Raymondville | 55   |
| 41 | Donna        | 43   |
| 49 | Edcouch      | 27   |
| 39 | Raymondville | 49   |
| 45 | Donna        | 37   |
| 52 | Edcouch      | 30   |



B-Team girls basketball squad include (front row) Shannon Guess, Marlee Whitley, Charity Oglevee, Melissa Frase, Sue Crist, Maria Elia Flores, Margaret Morgan, and Jamie Roark; (second row) Linda Roark, Kathy Payne, Beverly Tobola, Pam Tobola, Zana Sherry, Debra Waddell, Rosie de Leon, and Angie Covacevich; (back row) Evelyn Rogers, Peggy Bradford, Norma Silva, Karen Lancaster, Jeannie Porter, Kath Eggleston, Roxanne Frase, Diane Waddell, and Luanne Thomson.



## Girls Track, Volleyball District Champs



Girl tracksters include (front row) Rochelle Barker, Maria Flores, Peggy Bradford, Nancy Canon, and Vicki Roberts; (second row) Christi Pratt, Melissa Frase, Lee Villarreal, Peggy Ford, and Marlee Whitley; (top row) Betsy Payne, Janie Reyna, Jeanne Bullion, Albert Porter, and Andrea Villarreal.



Volleyball players are (front row) Janie Reyna, Betsy Payne, Andrea Villarreal, Sandra Aaron, and Albert Porter; (second row) Kathy Payne, Peggy Barnes, Kathy Eggleston, Virginia Silva, and Lee Villarreal. This year the girls volleyball team placed first in district competition.



## *Cindermen Post District Seventh*



Boy track team members are (front row) Alfredo Castillo, Juan Castaneda, Juan Villarreal, Juan Hernandez, Barry Dodd, Hector Benitez, Mike Connor and Steve Henson. (second row) Tony Gracia, Juan Rodriguez, Pete Vasquez, Robert Meza, David Whitley, Mike Bachelder, Randy Talbert, Bryan Drake, and George Pena.



Leaping over a hurdle during track practice is David Whitley, a junior track member this year.

Weslaco's cindermen posted 17 points for seventh place in the district meet for the best showing of the year of the young, inexperienced team.

With only two seniors and two returning lettermen, the team entered seven track meets, making points in four.

David Whitley, a junior letterman, was the high scorer for the season placing in four track meets in his specialty, the 120 yard high hurdles. His best run was a first place finish at San Benito with a second place finish at Weslaco, a third at Brownsville, and a third at the district meet in Edinburg.

Barry Dodd, a sophomore, placed at Weslaco and made third at the district meet in the pole vault. Other point makers included Hector Benitez, sophomore, 120 yard high hurdles; Juan Villarreal, junior, 880 yard dash; and the 440 yard relay team with Bryan Drake, Steve Henson, Juan Villarreal, and Robert Meza.



## Baseball Team Wins Three



WHS baseball players include (front row) Eloy de la Garza, Sam Gamez, Ruben Quintanilla, Johnny Cavazos, Mark Anderson, Larry Moore, and George Pena; (second row) Bobby Bullion, Mat Donalson, Bryan Drake, Raymundo Rubio, Randy Talbert, Gary Bullion, Steve Henson, and Mike Vasquez.



Practicing his batting techniques is one of the Weslaco High Panther baseball players.

### BASEBALL SCORES

| We | Opponent         | They |
|----|------------------|------|
| 7  | San Benito       | 12   |
| 6  | P.S.J.A.         | 7    |
| 4  | Harlingen        | 3    |
| 0  | *Rio Grande City | 3    |
| 5  | *Laredo Nixon    | 7    |
| 4  | *Raymondville    | 15   |
| 2  | *Falfurrias      | 3    |
| 0  | *Mission         | 21   |
| 6  | *Edcouch-Elsa    | 3    |
| 3  | *Rio Grande City | 5    |
| 4  | *Laredo Nixon    | 9    |
| 8  | *Mercedes        | 5    |
| 3  | *Falfurrias      | 8    |
| 1  | *Mission         | 15   |
| 1  | *Raymondville    | 9    |
| 5  | *Edcouch-Elsa    | 10   |

\*District Games



## *Golf Team Places Third In District*



First team golfers include Doug Thompson, Robert Solether, David Burleson, and Rhett Morrow.



Members of the second team are Steve Ligon, Mark McManus, Kenneth Rakestraw, Troy Collinsworth, and Greg Solether.

Third in the district in golf made the team one of the most successful boys athletic endeavors this season.

The first team included Robert Solether, Doug Thompson, Rhett Morrow, and David Burleson. Larry Wilson substituted at the district meet for Burleson when Mission and Laredo Nixon out-stroked the team.

Robert Solether won sudden-death play off for runner-up medalist awards at district and advanced to regional where he came in fourth.

The first team made good showings throughout the year placing high in many of the tournaments. Weslaco initiated its own tournament this year and participated in some 10 other matches.



## *Tennis Teams Acquire New Members*



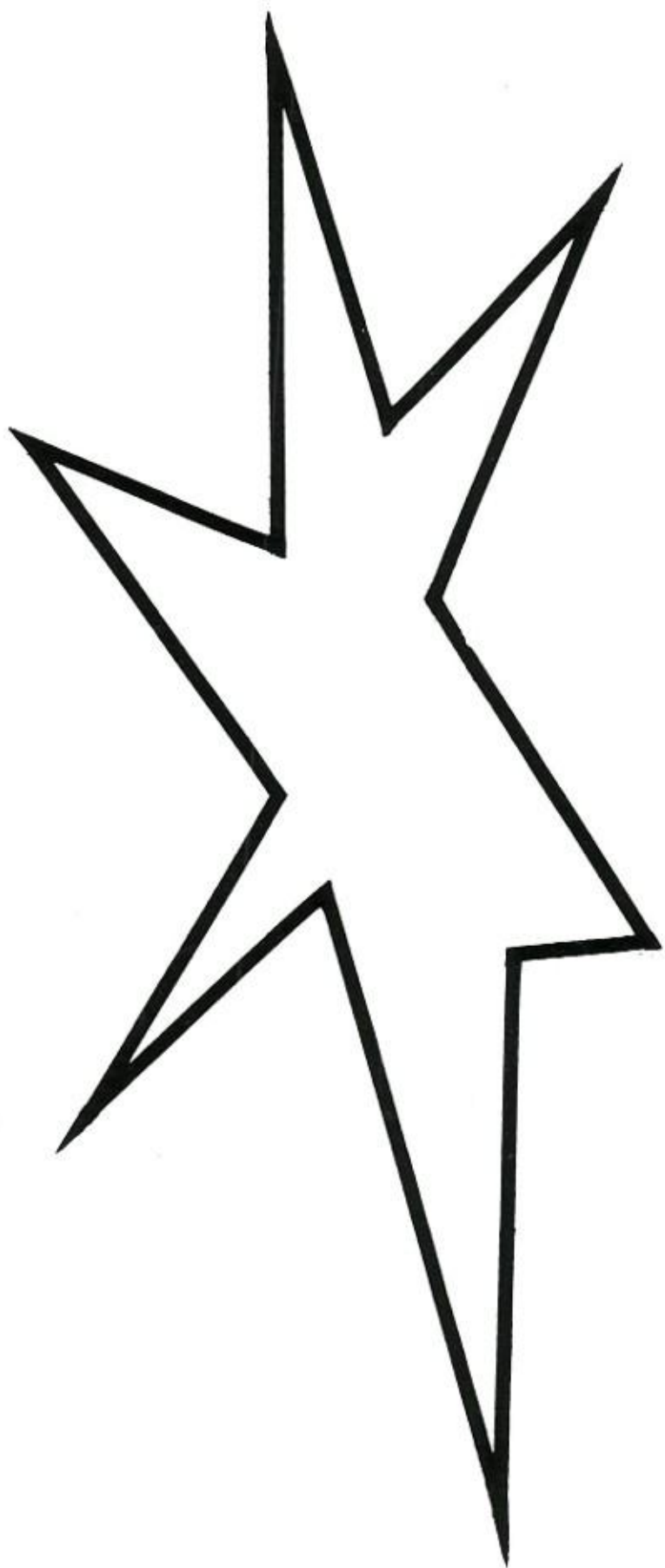
Members of the boys tennis team are (front row) Robert Alexander, Don McDaniel, Roy Johnston, and John Ellison; (second row) Jimmy Green, Mike Connor, Richard Wells, and Chris Cannon; (back row) Jens Mortenson, Mike Mattar, Greg Panzer, Ralph Miller, and Mike Pullen.



Girl tennis players include (sitting) Linda Roarke, Joyce Lyles, and Wendy Haverfield; (standing) Beth Ussery, Mary Ellen Payne, and Dee Ann Moore.



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Ronnie Crawford  
Election commissioner

Senate members are elected to represent campus, classes, and organizations to serve as the voice of the student body. Class presidents were a part of the Senate this year for the first time. Among the most important projects are helping needy in the community, this year expressed in a \$100 special fund, the other in assisting the publications department in a project for Knapp Memorial Methodist Hospital. These were financed by sponsored dances.





Alicia Espinoza, Senior President  
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Mark Anderson, Freshman Representative  
Jim McMillian, Junior Representative (not shown)





# NHS Members Have Scholarship Plus



National Honor Society members are (bottom row) V. Ellison, C. Johnson, B. Graham, M. Larson, L. Stanford, N. Silva, and D. Wilson; (second row) J. Pinalez, M. Henry, C. Meiners, T. McCaleb, M. Ford, J. Anderson, and J. Randolph; (third row) N. Valdes, J. Cain, N. Wallace, J. Seeber, M. Veltman, A. Espinoza, B. Joaquin, L. Thomson, and E. Frerking; (top row) J. Graham, L. Wilson, R. Smith, M. Swanzey, J. Hansen, P. Bradford, A. Smith, and A. Noriega.



NHS officers are Jose Pinalez, president; Yolanda Salinas, treasurer; Alicia Espinoza, historian; Mary Esther Henry, secretary; Carol Jean Meiners, Student Senate representative; and Alan Smith, vice-president.

Academic achievement and other criteria are considered when membership candidates are being selected for the WHS chapter of the National Honor Society.

The new members are selected from a list of scholastically eligible students by faculty members who have taught them.

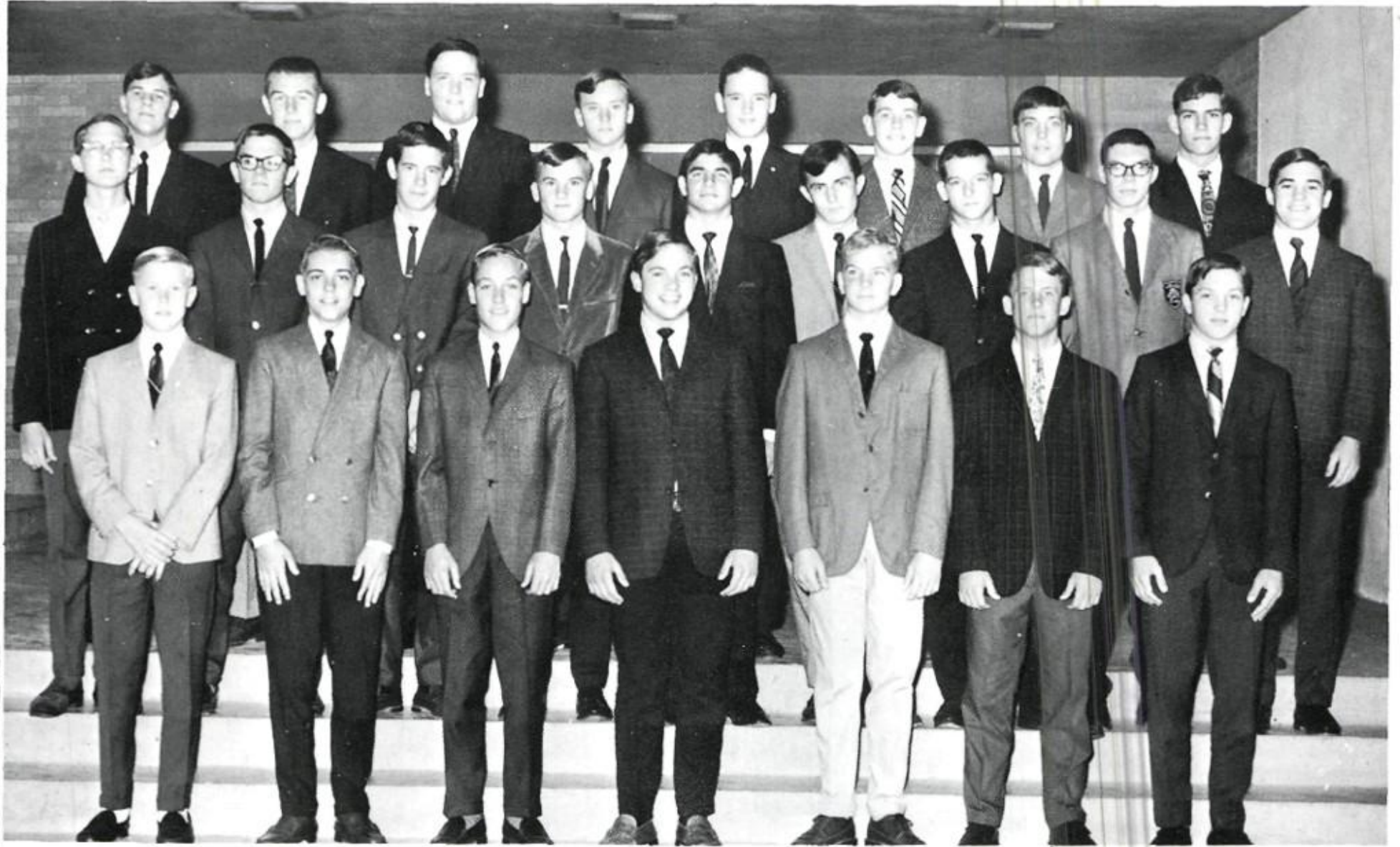
They are then inducted in a formal candlelight service at an assembly of the entire student body.

Organization activities include both social and service activities. Both inspirational and entertainment type programs are presented at meetings.

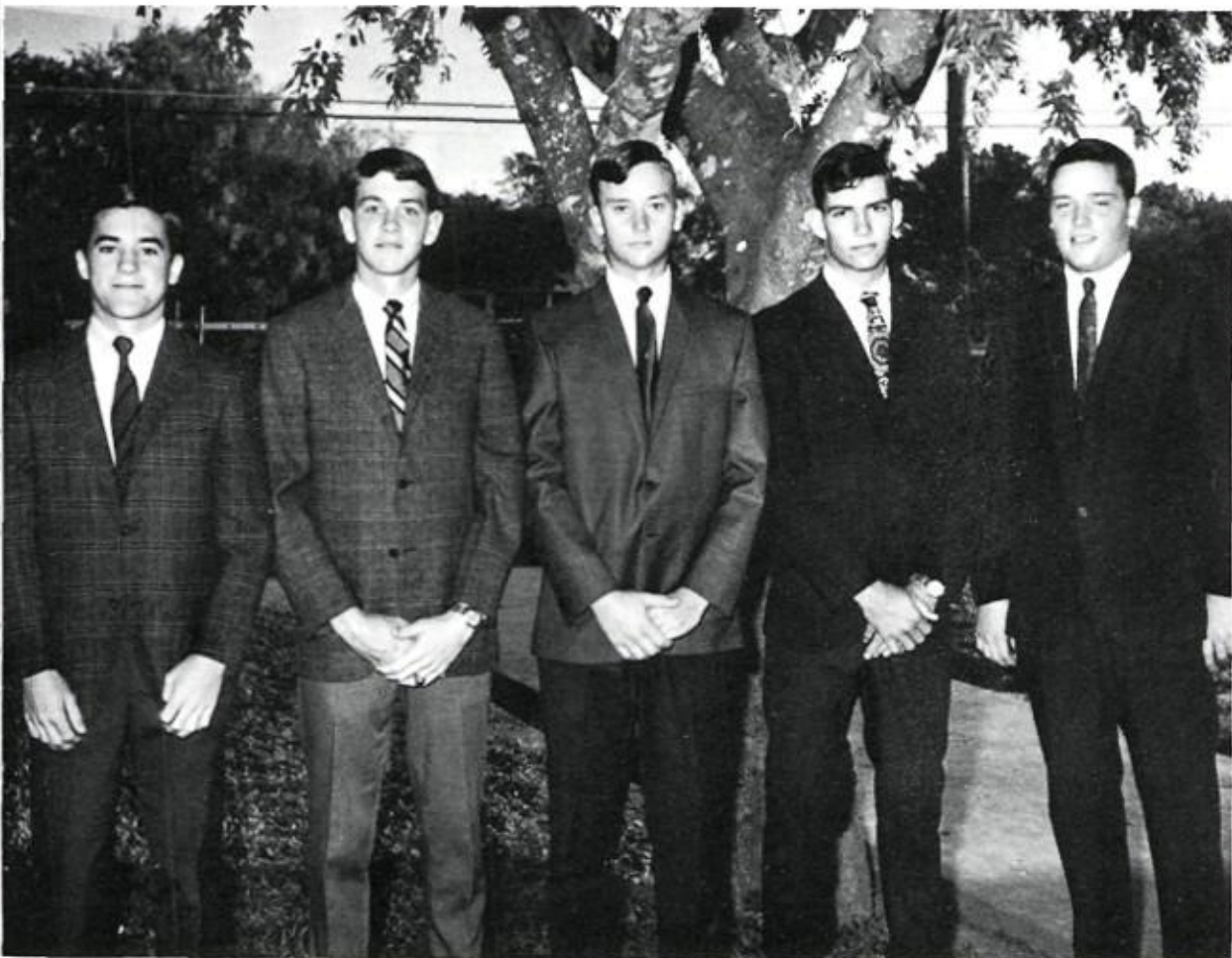
The National Honor Society is built around four areas: scholarship, leadership, service, and character.



# Key Clubbers Help During Hurricane



Key Club members are (front row) M. McDaniel, E. Frerking, D. McDaniel, J. Cain, J. Flowers, J. Payne, and C. Cannon; (second row) R. Jenkins, R. Johnston, S. Ligon, T. Stevenson, M. Mattar, K. Schill, G. Bullion, B. Drake, and R. Solether; (top row) K. Rakestraw, D. Whitley, A. Smith, R. McManus, R. Smith, L. Wilson, K. Johnson, and G. Jones.



Officers of Key Club are Robert Solether, treasurer; Larry Wilson, president; Ronnie McManus, secretary; Glen Jones, Student Senate representative; and Alan Smith, vice-president.

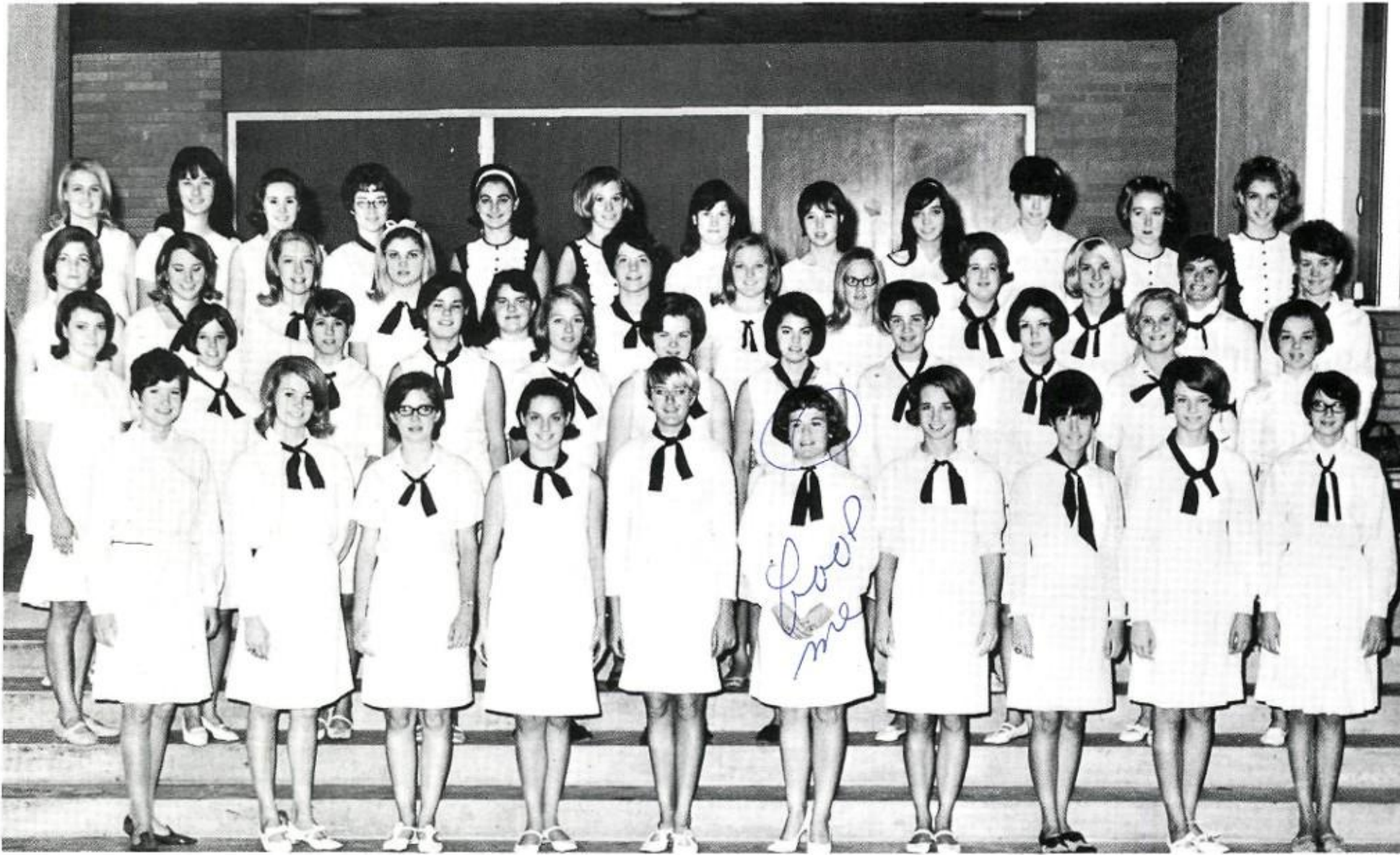
When Key Club members become a part of the adult business community they will already have a firm foundation in the pleasure and responsibility of service club activities through their work in Key Club, the "young" branch of the Kiwanis Club.

Key Club members, as their older counterparts, take an active part in community projects. This year they rendered particularly useful service during Hurricane Beulah and its aftermath. They served as helpers in emergency shelters, as liaison between various community centers, handed out sandwiches without end, and shoveled sand on the levees during the flood threat.

The young men, chosen on the basis of leadership in school, also learn the fundamentals necessary for conducting orderly and effective meetings.



## Y-Teens Affiliated With National



Members of Y-Teens are (front row) R. Kolvik, B. Callaway, L. Stanford, T. McCaleb, K. Frantz, S. Aaron, B. Ussery, D. Burton, D. Michalk, and E. Woodward; (second row) K. Payne, W. Haverfield, C. Ligon, M. McWhorter, C. Meiners, S. Powell, A. Clay, D. Hall, J. Frost, M. Henry, and C. Cummings; (third row) C. Linderman, M. Swanzey, B. Allen, P. Talbert, C. Kelly, V. Roberts, M. Payne, S. Robinson, D. Anderson, M. Veltman, B. Scott, and J. Hansen; (top row) D. Moore, N. Wallace, M. Larson, L. Purl, D. Hefley, K. Lancaster, D. Sansing, L. Nichols, R. White, K. Brown, L. Thomson, and R. Frase.



Y-Teens officers are Mary Esther Henry, treasurer; Theresa McCaleb, Senate representative; Becky Allen, president; Beth Ussery, vice-president; and Penny Talbert, secretary.

Y-Teens, a girls service organization on campus, is affiliated with the Young Women's Christian Association, a national group.

Any girl on campus from sophomore level up may join the group and participate in the social and service activities.

A formal installation ceremony featuring a candlelight service, is held in the fall, and new members are presented with their blue ties, symbol of membership in the group.

Y-Teens assist with the March of Dimes, and many as individuals, assist with activities concerned with helping the unfortunate during Hurricane Beulah though the club had not yet formally organized for the school year.



## Future Teachers Grade Tests



Future Teachers of America members are (front row) D. Stanford, L. Nichols, M. Putman, S. Linderman, B. Graham, J. Fortenberry, and T. McCaleb; (second row) L. Andersen, Z. Sherry, C. Meiners, B. Scott, M. Veltman, J. Randolph, and J. Vance; (third row) C. Pratt, B. Allen, P. Albert, N. Wallace, C. Linderman, A. Dickerson, and E. Lyons.

Future Teachers of America, as their name implies, are interested in the profession of teaching, and many of the activities which they participate during the year concern exploration of possibilities of the profession, and actual participation in some events directly concerned with teaching, such as helping specific teachers with specific projects.

FTA is one of the newer groups on campus, but is a fast growing one and one that with each year expands the scope of its activities and membership.

The group attends out of the Valley conferences, as well as Valley events.

Any student interested in the teaching profession may join FTA.

This year FTA members are working on a new project. During the noon hour and after school they are grading achievement tests for the grammar school teachers.



FTA officers are Christi Pratt, Student Senate representative; Susan Linderman, secretary; Linda Andersen, vice-president; Nancy Wallace, president; Elaine Lyons, treasurer; and Jennefer Fortenberry, historian.



## Homemakers Paint, Garden And Act



Members of Future Homemakers of America are (front row) J. Becerra, L. Becerra, P. Garcia, L. de Leon, N. Maldonado, M. Rivera, N. Dickerson, B. Tobola, N. Garza, and E. Gorhum; (second row) A. Pena, O. Ortiz, G. Lopez, L. Villarreal, J. Cano, C. Gracia, O. Martinez, B. Eilers, B. Heck, and E. Woodward; (third row) I. Sanchez, B. Sanchez, T. Elizondo, A. Casares, S. Gross, A. Sepulveda, E. Lyons, C. Pratt, S. Linderman, and J. Randolph; (fourth row) A. Dickerson, R. Almaguer, D. Garrett, M. Sanchez, O. de Leon, L. Fernandez, C. Meiners, M. Reyes, N. Garza, and B. Graham, (top row) K. Brown, E. Garza, C. Johnson, B. Wright, S. Garcia, S. Arredondo, E. Rodriguez, M. Putman, C. Nelson, C. Linderman, and P. Tobola.

Future Homemakers of America have had an unusually active year.

As a community service project, they donned bluejeans and paint caps to rejuvenate the color of the park benches at Alameda Park Plaza. They picked up shovels and planted petunias by the score as a part of a beautification project in the city and Valley in preparation for the winter tourist season, and they turned their efforts to drama as they produced a play "Keep Your Halo Straight," geared for small children.

Homemakers became involved in a campus project to repair some of the damage left by the hurricane, as they replanted the rosebeds which were destroyed in the storm.



Serving as FHA officers are Nita Kay Dickerson, secretary; Barbara Graham, first vice-president; Ella Ray Gorhum, president; Brenda Heck, Student Senate representative; and Nellie Sue Garza, treasurer.

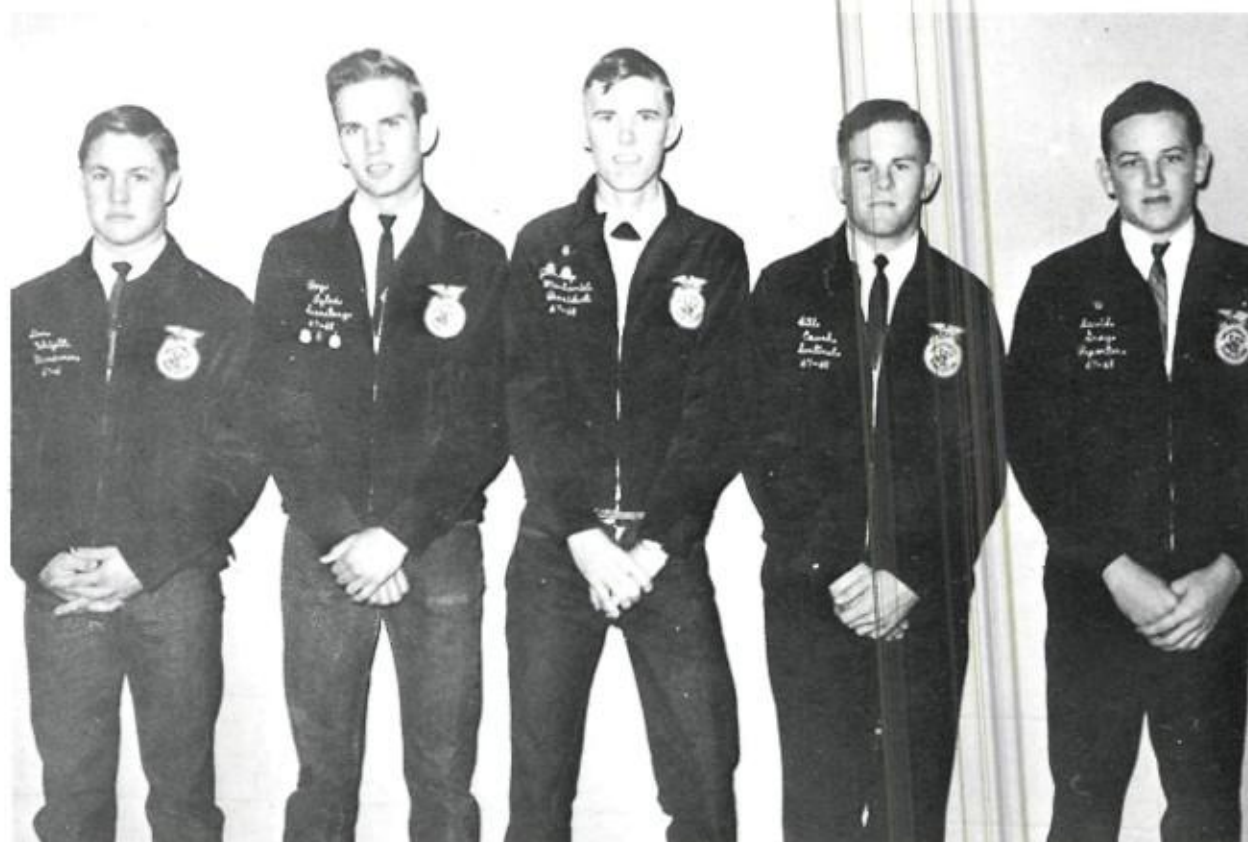


# Future Farmers Struggle With Nature



Future Farmers of America members are, (front row) R. Harbison, D. Woodward, P. Garcia, F. Garcia; (second row) S. Harbison, R. Kallio, J. Goeser, L. Montalva, S. Wright, and Mr. D. Kinnard, sponsor; (third row) J. Fulcher, B. Fulcher, D. Garcia, B. Couch, D. Gray, R. Lyles, and J. McDaniel.

Grim realities of farming were experienced by Future Farmers of America this year as they struggled to complete successfully their projects in spite of Hurricane Beulah with the devastation to farm land and project schedules. Late fall and early winter rains complicated matters even more. Nevertheless, the FFA students continued work on projects, records, parliamentary procedure, and long range planning and finally wound up a year more successfully than had been anticipated as they exhibited prize winning entries in the Rio Grande Valley Live-stock Show.



Serving as FFA Officers are Simmey Wright, treasurer; Roy Lyles, secretary; Jimmy McDaniel, president; Bill Couch, sentinel and David Gray, Student Senate representative. Not shown is Tommy King, vice-president.



# PASF Members Involved In Many Events



Pan American members are (front row) N. Silva, H. Villarreal, S. Aaron, E. McDaniel, D. Hefley, J. Quintero, C. Meiners, and K. Lancaster (second row) T. Elizondo, T. McCaleb, S. Powell, L. Stanford, C. Johnson, L. Flores, M. Easley, O. Ruiz and J. Valdez; (third row) J. Magana, M. Larson, L. Villanueva, E. Villarreal, B. Deer, E. Guerra, M. Cortez, Y. Salinas, A. Espinoza, and M. Ford; (top row) E. Garza, M. Swanzey, N. Wallace, R. Smith, D. Treadway, J. Cain, H. Salinas, C. Gracia, H. Hansen, and E. Bugarin.

Pan American Student Forum members this year have become highly involved in activities throughout the Valley and state as well as on campus.

Early in the school year they honored Spanish speaking foreign exchange students at Pan American College with a reception at the Civic Center.

They won a figurine of Don Quixote in recognition of having the highest percentage of attendance at a Valley PASF meeting.

They made plans and attended several state events.

In addition, PASF members presented teachers with "appreciation" handmade flowers and paper weights, held several club suppers, and sponsored Pan American Day on a fiesta type celebration.



PASF officers are Marsha Ford, secretary; Carol Meiners, treasurer; Beverly Dee Student Senate representative; Elsa Villarreal, president; Alicia Espinoza, vice president; and Yolanda Salinas, historian.



# *French Club Members Enhance Cultural Knowledge*

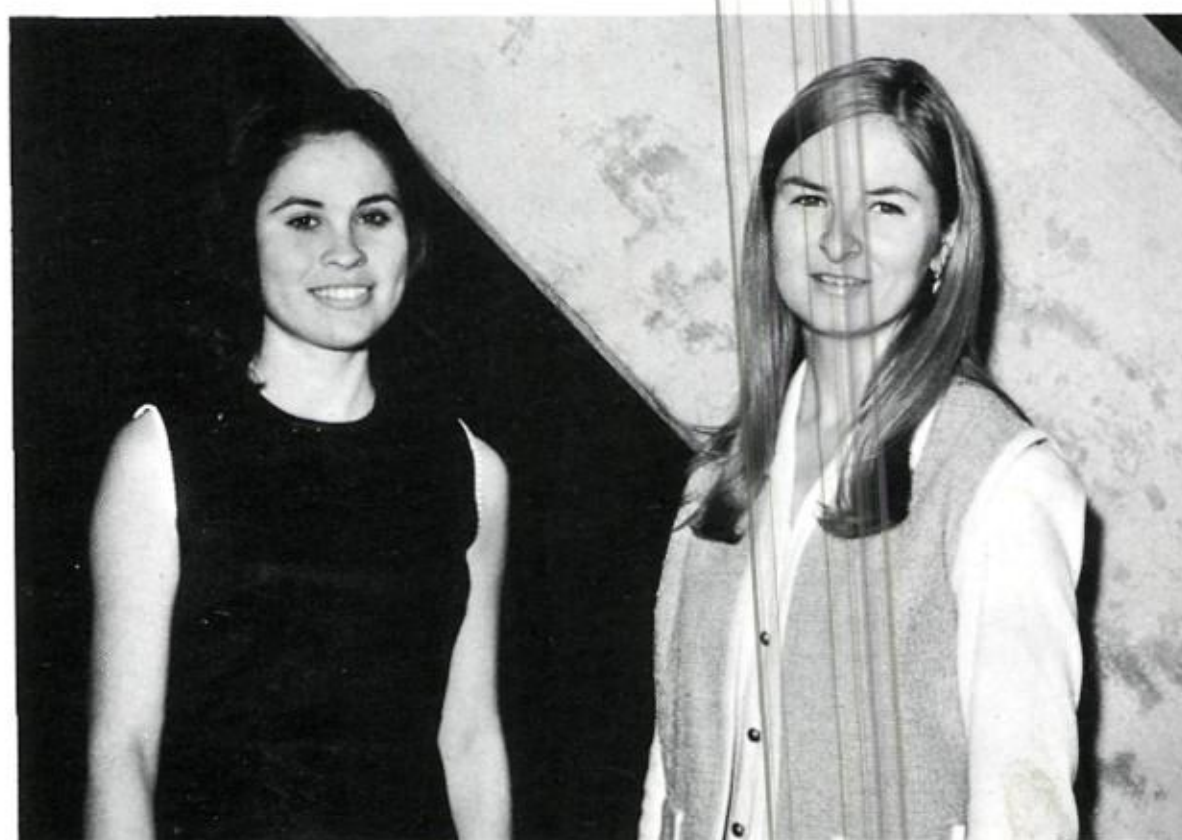


Members of the French Club include (front row) A. Maldonado, T. Cadena, V. Ellison, O. Ortiz, V. Garza; (second row) E. Frerking, L. Purl, L. Rodriguez, E. Silva, C. Wolfe, K. Shows, and E. de la Garza; (top row) B. Dean, V. Rios, S. Gamez, J. Hernandez, J. Hernandez, J. Garcia, J. McMillian, and A. Mena.

Many students on campus are rapidly becoming tri-lingual because of the introduction of French into the foreign language department on campus. Many students were bi-lingual to begin with (speaking both English and Spanish), and through the classes, and the activities of the newly organized French Club, their cultural background is being enhanced even further.

The French Club explores facets of French culture and literature that are supplemental to regular class material and provides the students who belong with a practical place to practice their conversational French in a social atmosphere.

Club activities have included festive and serious occasions and several club projects have been successfully carried out, according to club sponsor, Mrs. Virginia Collier.



French Club officers are Teresita Cadena, president and Vicki Ellison, vice-president. Not shown are Sylvia Cuellar, secretary-treasurer; Ernest Frerking, historian; and Horacio Rodriguez, Student Senate representative.



## Junior Historians Reactivated On Campus



Junior Historian members are (front row) O. Alejandro, L. Lozano, A. Garza, E. Rodriguez, C. Wolfe, J. Frost, L. Stanford, and B. Graham; (second row) J. Fernandez, L. Martinez, O. Ruiz, M. Cortez, M. Ford, E. Silva, T. McCaleb, S. Powell, and M. Cortez; (third row) K. Frantz, M. McWhorter, M. Vasquez, V. Ellison, D. Anderson, C. Kelly, and P. Talbert; (back row) C. del Campo, C. Wood, M. Donalson, B. Allen, J. Hansen, D. Hall, B. Dean, and E. Frerking.



Officers for the Junior Historian are Theresa McCaleb, president; Annie Garza, Student Senate representative; Joye Frost, vice-president; Penny Talbert, secretary; Ernest Frerking, treasurer; and (not shown) Mary Nell Larson, corresponding secretary.

Reactivated on campus this year after several years was the Junior Historian Club.

Prime mover for the re-organization was Mrs. Doris Hays, sponsor, who has been away from WHS for several years.

The Junior Historian Club went through the procedure necessary to be affiliated with the Valley Historical Society.

They, like their adult counterpart, are particularly interested in historical sites around the Valley, their location and preservation.

The youthful historians made several field trips to sites of interest around the Valley and did extra research on them.



## New Drama Club Stages Plays



WHS Dramatists are (front row) B. Graham, T. Elizondo, T. Bautista, M. Bautista, L. Lozano, A. Garza, and N. Casonova; (second row) J. Lyles, B. Callaway, D. Burton, N. Reyes, G. Lopez, L. Martinez, L. Villarreal, and M. Flores; (third row) A. Clay, L. Roarke, N. Garza, A. Ligon, S. Robinson, S. Powell, J. Frost, and E. Rodriguez; (fourth row) N. Wallace, M. McWhorter, P. Talbert, B. Allen, M. Swanzy, S. Casonova, and V. Rodriguez; (top row) B. Barker, G. Davis, R. Cruz, A. Hinojosa, R. Johnston, P. Jones, J. Green, R. Kolvik and K. Engle.



Drama Club officers are Nancy Wallace, Student Senate representative; Barbara Callaway, historian; Ann Clay, president; Nellie Sue Garza, treasurer; and Armando Hinojosa, vice-president.

Another new club on campus this year is the Drama Club, and it has proved to be one with a wide scope of activities and attracting interest from a large number of students.

Among the activities have been the production of three one-act plays. Members heard resumes of plays which were considered for production and learned much about make-up stage techniques, play direction, property gathering, and traditions of the theater.

Cast parties followed the various productions, and meetings themselves have been featured by programs of study and entertainment.

Official name of the group is the WHS Dramatists.



## *Band Initiates New Uniforms*



Displaying their new purple and white uniforms are the WHS band members. This was part of the half time show at the Edcouch-Elsa game and was the second "home" appearance of the band this year.



Saxophone players are (front row) D. Hall, G. Davis, M. Cantu, N. Garza, B. Dean, and B. Emerson; (back row) A. Hinojosa, D. Hansen, P. Pena, R. Garcia, and M. Moore.





Flute players include (front row) C. Meiners, M. Putman, C. Cummings, J. Chandler, M. Veltman, D. Anderson, (back row) G. Rodriguez, B. Eilers, S. Cummings, P. Gremes, J. Dawson, L. Martinez, and J. Balaguer.



Trombone section includes R. Coronado, J. Garcia, O. Gonzales, D. Arredondo, J. Kincaid and R. Morgan

Strains of "Deep Purple" filled the air as the band displayed new uniforms in their first public appearance at the first home game in September against San Benito.

The new uniforms were significant of the spirit of the band, which after a series of scintillating half time shows went on to win the thirty-eighth straight marching band division I rating of superior in the marching band competition at Pigskin Jubilee, the official regional University Interscholastic League contest.

As classroom work stressed musicianship and technique, with emphasis upon hours of extra study and practice, individual band students went on to win honors at regional individual band competition, and the steps beyond.

Meanwhile the band as a whole participated in com-

munity and school Christmas programs, and then settled down to prepare for spring UIL competition in sight reading and concert. For their efforts, they were again awarded a Division I by contest judges.

In addition to music oriented activities, the band also participated in several other events, such as a magazine drive, assisting the band boosters with the sale of fruit cakes and petunias for the city beautification project, served as host band group for the Pigskin Jubilee and played together at the annual Christmas band dance.

During the summer months, tentative plans were made to attend the Six Flags Over Texas music contest in Arlington, where the group sought to earn a Division I in out-of-the-Valley competition.





Drum section members are B. Watson, E. Frerking, M. Flores, R. Jenkins, O. Cerda, T. Seils, C. Woods, S. Frantz, C. Valdez, and R. Smith.

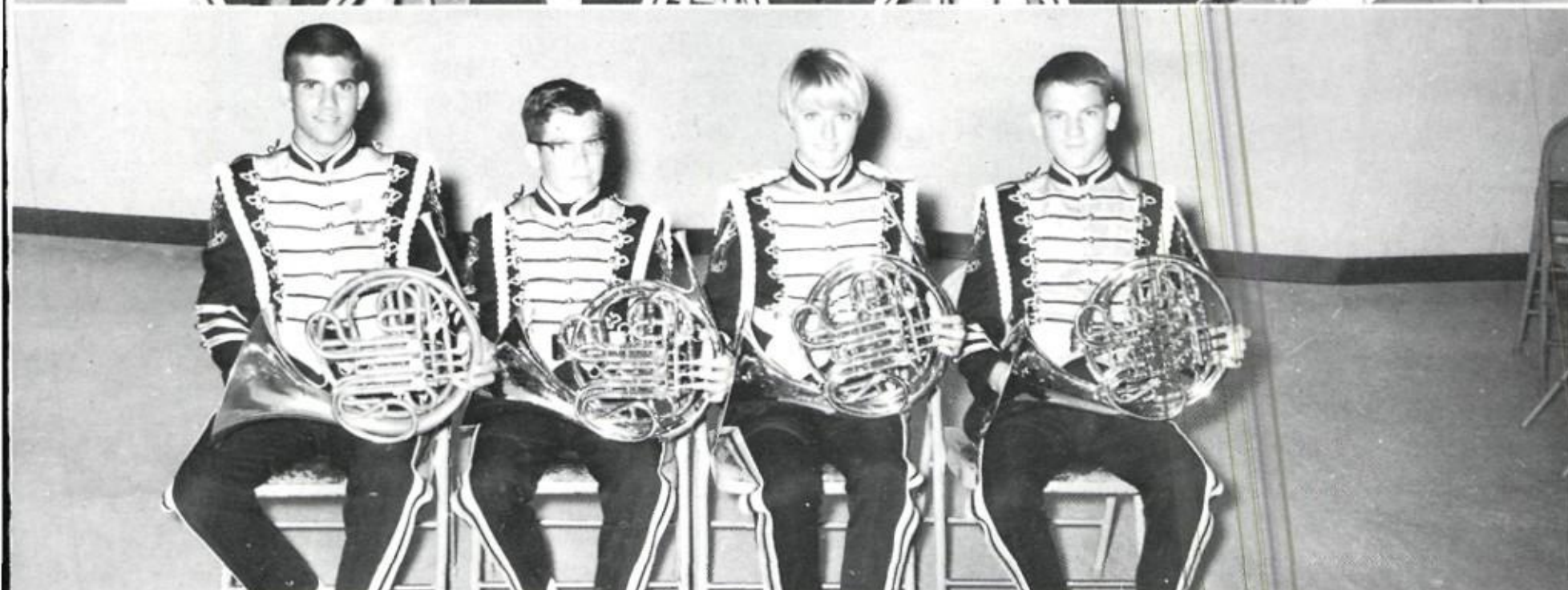


Bass Clarinet section includes Y. de la Fuente, D. Garza, L. Stanford, V. De Leon, A. Luera, and B. Scott.



Cornet players are N. Valdes, J. Triplett, R. Rodriguez, J. Steger, R. Luna, J. Allen, and K. Leamer.





Clarinet players are (top picture-first row) R. Cruz, S. Cuellar, M. Henry, and B. Deer; (second row) L. Henry, J. Rainey, L. Fernandez, R. Barker, M. Vidales, P. Deer, and B. Barker; (back row) E. Pena, A. Martinez, J. Muniga, P. Wolfe, L. Huerta, P. Harrison, L. Gonzalez, M. Flores, and L. Serna.

French Horn players are (middle picture) J. McMillian, K. Panzer, K. Frantz, and T. Michalk

Bass section includes (sitting) R. Valdez, B. Edwards, and R. Coronado; (standing) C. Massey, R. Correa, and J. Bohmfalk.





# *School, Community Hear Choir*



First sopranos are (bottom row) H. Garcia, R. Fox, O. Ortiz, L. Nichols, and L. de Leon; (second row) D. Quesada, J. Reyes, A. Ligon, M. Larson, A. Campbell, and L. Flores; (top row) V. Rodriguez, M. Rodriguez, M. Swanzey, B. Callaway, N. Bell, and C. Linderman.

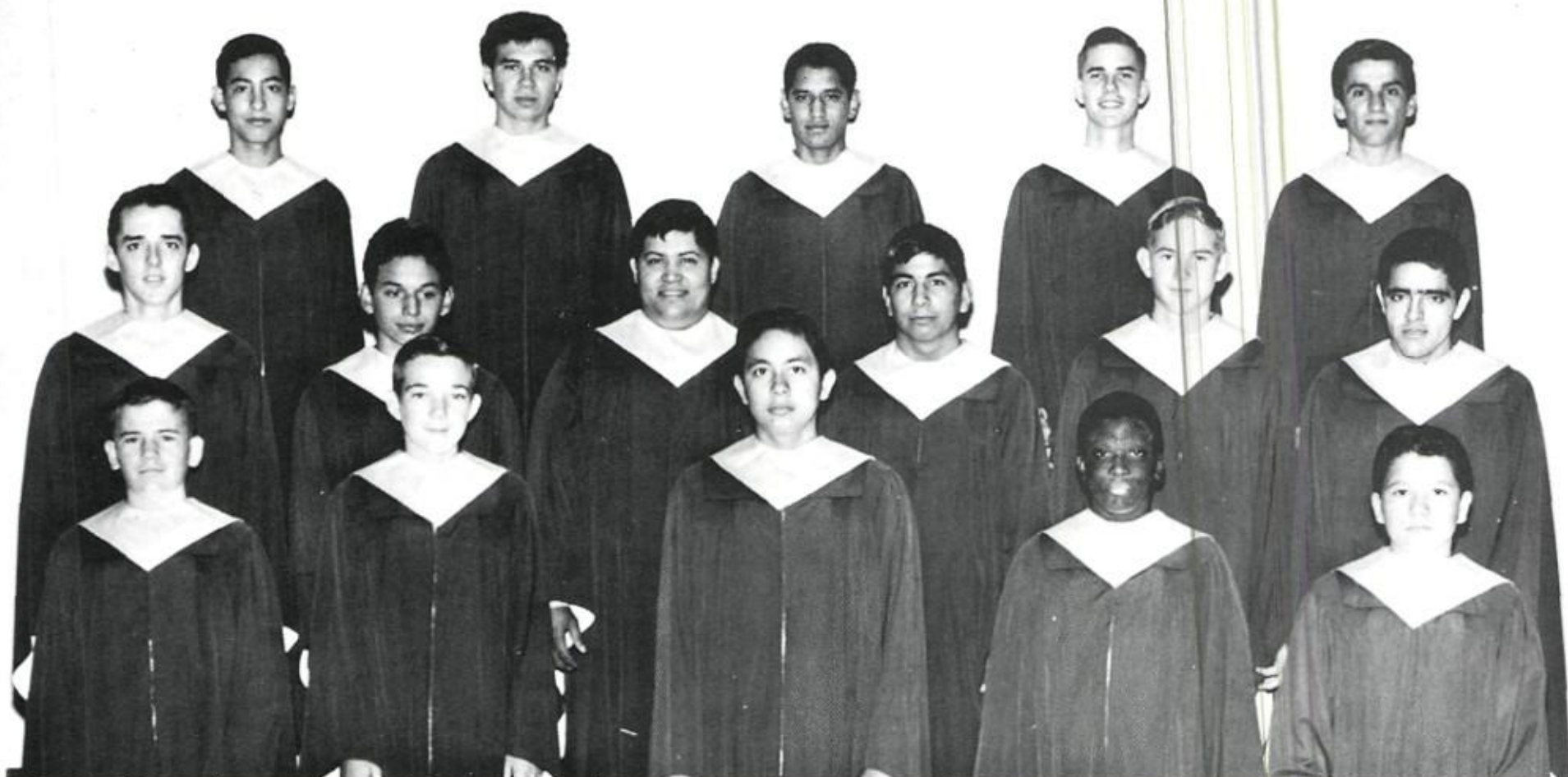


Altos are (bottom row) S. Casanova, C. Wolfe, and V. Ellison; (second row) D. Garrett, A. Salinas, E. Argueta, and S. Flores; (third row) D. Davis, P. Stephens, D. Wilson, and E. Almaraz; (top row) A. Randolph, P. Randolph, N. Wallace, and A. Vela.



Second sopranos are (bottom row) B. Sanchez, D. Burton, and C. Cummings; (second row) S. Powell, A. Clay, and J. Randolph; (top row) M. Putman, M. Ford, and B. Allen.





Baritones include (bottom row) H. Aaron, D. Purl, G. Almaraz, D. Flowers, and P. Acevedo (second row) R. Crawford, P. Luera, C. de Leon, A. Castillo, B. Dodd, and C. del Campo; (top row) R. Castro, A. Adame, J. Martinez, B. Dean, and A. Hinojosa.



Members of the girls ensemble are (bottom row) S. Powell, A. Clay, A. Ligon, D. Burton, V. Ellison and C. Wolfe; (top row) N. Wallace, P. Randolph, M. Putman, M. Swanzey, B. Callaway, and B. Allen.

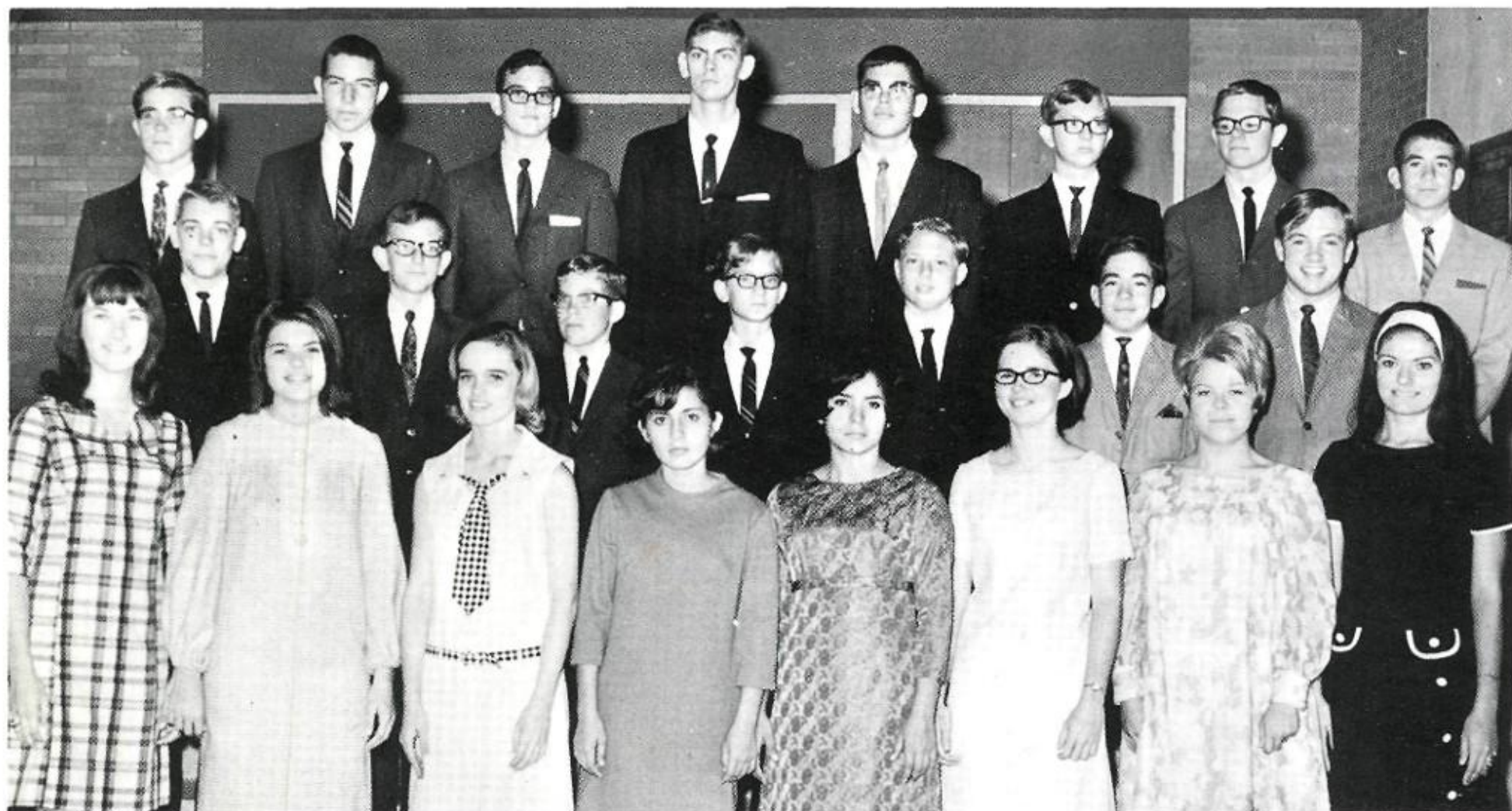
Centering around a patriotic theme at the Thanksgiving assembly the WHS choir began another year of song and entertainment. This year's schedule of varied activities included several Christmas programs, University Scholastic League contest, solos and ensembles, concert, sight-reading contest, and the final spring concert.



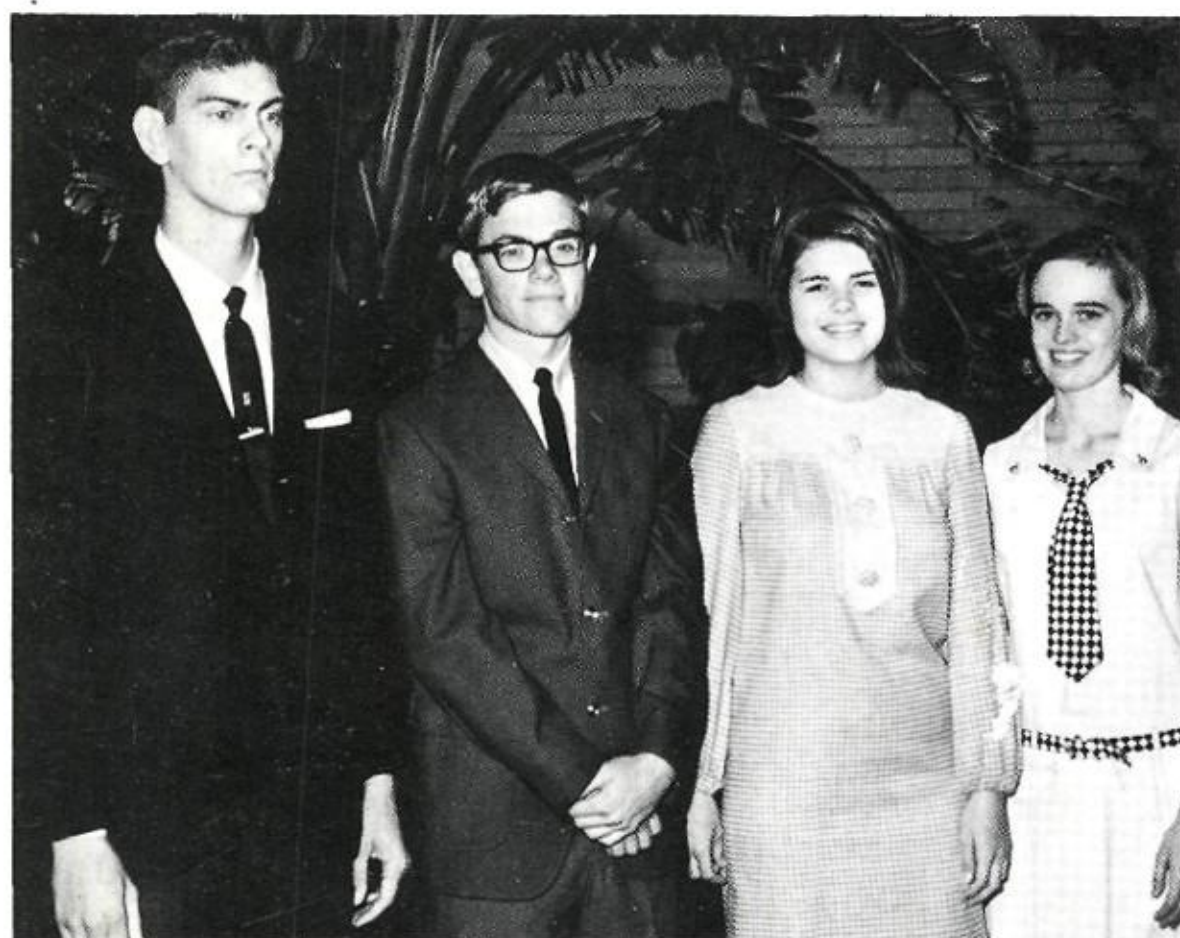
Serving as choir officers are (standing) Margaret Swanzey, president; Mary Nell Larson, vice-president; Susan Powell, Student Senate representative; Ronnie Crawford, student director; Clemente del Campo, Student Senate alternate; and (sitting) Marsha Ford, secretary-treasurer.



## Phi-Chem-Bi Captures Frogs



Phi-Chem-Bi members are (front row) N. Wallace, P. Tomlinson, B. Graham, I. Bautista, M. Bautista, L. Stanford, M. Easley, and B. Scott; (second row) E. Frerking, J. Kincaid, K. Panzer, S. Frantz, J. Steger, R. Valdes, and J. Cain; (top row) G. Panzer, P. Blair, J. Graham, T. Huefner, R. Correa, J. Tisdale, R. Johnston, and N. Valdes.



Phi-Chem-Bi officers are Thomas Huefner, president; Roy Johnston, Student Senate representative; Paula Tomlinson, reporter; and Barbara Graham, secretary-treasurer. Not shown is Yolanda Salinas, vice-president.

Under the direction of two new sponsors, Mrs. Gloria Llewellyn and Mr. Kent Grosser, the Phi-Chem-Bi club got off to a good start. Frog hunting was the main project of the science club this year. The biology department needed 100 frogs for dissection in the biology classes, and the Phi-Chem-Bi club was offered fifteen cents for each frog. Interested club members donned old clothes, made nets, and then chased leaping frogs in hopes of catching one.

Each year Phi-Chem-Bi sponsors the local science fair which is held. All science students are urged to participate.



# Girl Athletes Undertake Two Projects



Members of the Girls Athletic Association are (front row) V. Silva, A. Valdez, J. Reyna, M. Morgan, N. Dickerson, V. Ellison, D. Moore, D. Stanford, and S. Aaron; (second row) J. Lyles, D. Wilson, N. Silva, P. Bradford, V. Roberts, E. Silva, A. Dickerson, B. Ussery, A. Porter, and D. Silva; (third row) L. Roarke, A. Villarreal, J. Porter, M. Flores, V. Callaway, P. Tobola, L. Thomson, D. Burton, R. White, and T. Knowles; (fourth row) O. Rios, J. Cano, A. Covacevich, M. Frase, L. Nichols, K. Payne, K. Lancaster, and D. Hefley; (top row) K. Eggleston, P. Barnes, J. de Leon, B. Payne, J. Bullion, M. Payne, F. Willis, D. Waddell, R. Frase, B. Callaway, K. Brown, and L. Villarreal.

Two widely dissimilar projects have been undertaken by the Girls Athletic Association during the current school year.

One was the traditional all sportsman banquet attended by both girl and boy athletes on campus.

The other was a campus beautification project, undertaken after many of the shrubs and flowers on campus were destroyed by the hurricane. The GAA members planted bougainvilleas in the traditional purple color around the gymnasium.

The organization is generally concerned with furthering all facets of athletics— both intramural and University Interscholastic League coordinated ones.



GAA officers are Beth Ussery, vice-president; Dee Ann Moore, secretary; Joanne Seeber, Student Senate representative; Cathy Ligon, treasurer; and Andrea Villarreal, president.



# *Pep Squad Infects Student Body With Spirit*



Leading the Pep Squad are cheerleaders N. Wallace, M. Swanzey, J. Bullion, B. Ussery, D. Moore, and M. Payne. Participating in the Pep Squad are (front row) E. Villarreal, A. Villarreal, R. Kolvik, J. Reyna, B. Callaway, A. Ligon, B. Allen, A. Clay, B. Payne, D. Michalk, N. Reyes, L. Thomson; (second row) K. Engle, C. Gray, A. Espinoza, L. Flores, B. Graham, O. Ortiz, B. Heck, E. Gorhum, Y. Salinas, H. Garcia, A. Salinas, and V. Valdez; (third row) C. Linderman, D. Davis, S. Crist, E. Arredondo, O. de Leon, M. Cortez, C. Gracia, E. Bugarin, T. Elizondo, L. Rodriguez, E. Garza, and E. Lyons; (fourth row) V. Coonrod, E. Argueta, A. Trevino, J. Porter, A. Porter, V. Ellison, C. Wolfe, L. Villarreal, S. Aaron, T. McCaleb, E. Reyes, and G. Sanchez; (fifth row) K. Brown, D. Verser, S. Cuellar, V. Roberts, B. Wright, C. Johnson, J. Frost, P. Talbert, S. Robinson, C. Blanco, F. Arredondo, and R. Cardenas; (sixth row) P. Cross, D. Waddell, F. Valdez, C. Cuellar, L. Purl, H. Villarreal, N. Silva, E. Rodriguez, E. Almaraz, D. Flores, A. Covacevich, and M. Reyes; (seventh row) R. de Leon, G. Kelly, M. Whitley, S. Guess, E. Rodriguez, O. Cantu, Y. Escobar, R. Flores, N. Espinoza, M. Olivarez, H. Rodriguez, and S. Ramos; (eighth row) R. Cancino, C. Oglevee, D. Waddell, M. Ortiz, J. Cano, P. Bradford, M. Riley, V. Callaway, R. Frase, D. Hefley, S. Polvado, and O. Rios; (ninth row) L. Keller, M. Frase, S. Hoeller, D. Stanford, J. Fernandez, S. Trevino, E. McDaniel, D. Sansing, P. Barnes, A. Wilson, J. McFarland, T. Knowles, and J. Roark; (top row) P. Ford, Z. Sherry, M. Morgan, E. Rogers, K. Payne, L. Roark, J. Lyles, R. White, C. Pratt, L. Nichols, D. Wilson, P. Stephens, and K. Lancaster.

When the Pep Squad marches on the field at football games, this year in newly styled uniforms, and stands at attention, the thousands of fans in the stands know that another football game is about ready to get underway, as the Panthers are due to burst through the Panther sign hung between the goal posts and run the gauntlet of purple and white clad girls onto the playing field.

The Pep Squad, with its special yells, dramatic white gloved hand motions, and infectious spirit, provide much of the color and life in the stands at the games. They also make the strong nucleus of the cheering section at pep rallies.



Pep Squad officers are Barbara Callaway, parliamentarian; Donna Michalk, vice-president; Betsy Payne, president; Ann Clay, secretary; Anita Ligon, treasurer; and Becky Allen, Student Senate representative.



## *Lends B-Team Support*

B-Team Cheerleaders are (right picture—standing) Karen Lancaster, Roxanne Frase, (kneeling) Luanne Thomson, Norma Silva, and Diane Hefley.

Freshman Cheerleaders are (bottom picture—standing) Debra Waddell, Shannon Guess, Diana Waddell, (kneeling) Marlee Whitley, and Melissa Frase.





## *DE, VOE, VICA Clubs Are Active*



Members of the Distributive Education Club are (front row) L. Vela, D. Gomez, O. Garza, J. Seeber, M. Garza, A. Cerda, P. Rivera, Gonzalez, and R. Martinez; (second row) P. Martinez, J. Barbosa, R. Rodriguez, R. Martinez, K. Johnson; (third row) J. Robledo, P. Torres, Cardenas, R. Gomez, and A. Garcia; (top row) N. Hernandez, A. Zepeda, J. Aguirre, A. Ortiz, G. Miller, and N. Solis.



Vocational Office Education Club members are S. Martinez, D. Gonzalez, M. Garcia, I. Buentello, V. Caballero, and N. Casanova; (second row) N. Reyes, D. Almaguer, E. Vela, M. Ullrich, E. Rodriguez, and S. Casanova; (top row) L. Rodriguez, R. Almaguer, M. Handy J. Cerda, Ramon, and T. Bautista.





Industrial Cooperative Training members are (front row) B. Sanchez, M. Castaneda, G. Lugo, L. Flores, V. Valdez, and V. Rodriguez; (second row) M. Molina, E. Villarreal, J. Reyes, O. Ortiz, J. Rivera, and J. Marroquin; (top row) J. Noriega, R. Guajardo, G. Gutierrez, E. Trejo, and J. Herrera.



VOE officers include Norma Reyes, activity chairman; Lupe Rodriguez, treasurer; Juanita Cerda, secretary; Ib Buentello, president; Diane Gonzalez, vice-president; Vicki Caballero, parliamentarian; and not shown, Paula Tomlinson, historian.



DE officers are Lydia Vela, secretary-treasurer; O. Garcia, Student Senate representative; Petra Rivera, reporter; Nestor Hernandez, president; Dolores Gomez, vice-president; and Ricardo Gomez, parliamentarian.

Distributive, Vocational Office, and Vocational Industrial Cooperative Education Clubs, all separate units, are all composed of students who are learning business techniques, and practicing them, while they are attending high school.

Members of these three groups also participate in specialized contests on the area, district, state and regional level, as they demonstrate what they have learned before judges who are professionals in their fields.



ICT officers are Mary Castaneda, secretary; Grace Lugo, treasurer; Jesus Rivera, sergeant-at-arms; Martin Molina, president; and Raul Guajardo, vice-president.



# La Palma Staff Separates '68 From Other Years



Members of the 1967-1968 La Palma staff are (seated) Clair Johnson, Yolanda Salinas, Barbara Graham, editor; Tania Knowles, Debbie King, and Francisca Matamoros; (standing) Raul Arredondo, Alan Smith, and Dean Burkett.



Distributing the new 1966-67 La Palmas to students and faculty members are Debbie King and Clair Johnson, annual staff members.

What did happen in 1967-68? What made this school year different from all the other years that WHS has been in existence? Who were the people on campus-- the students, the faculty members, the administrators?

To tell the story of 1967-68 at WHS in story and picture, is the task that the La Palma staff seeks to fulfill each year, and the 1967-68 staff had an unusually eventful year to record. There was Hurricane Beulah, with its effect upon school schedules, activities, and individual students. There was Sing Out '67--a demonstration for America in which about 300 students in the community participated. These and many other events may be recalled because the annual staffers worked late and long to record at least a mention of each school related activity--even study--during the year.





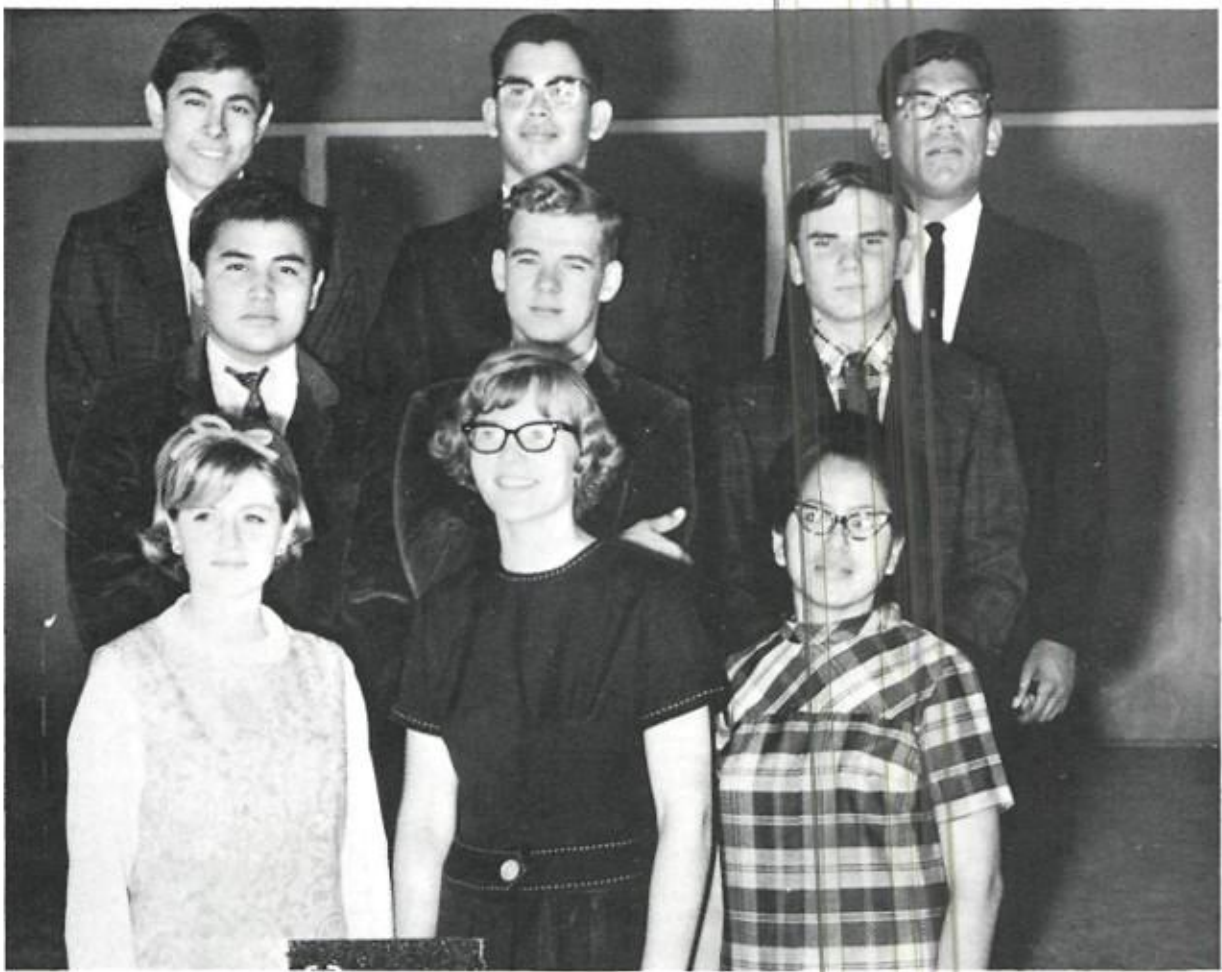
Advanced journalism students are Jim McMillian, Bryan Drake, HI-LIFE assistant editor; Alan Smith, HI-LIFE editor; and Raul Arredondo, photographer.

# *It's "Year Of The Question" For HI-LIFE*

1967-68 proved to be the "year of the question" for HI-LIFE staff members as they explored much that is new in the field of communications.

The students conducted student polls on such vital questions as attitudes of the student body on drug usage, the Viet Nam issue, and the drafting of women. The HI-LIFE received much publicity, through the state Inter-scholastic League Press Conference, the newsletter of the Newspaper Fund, Inc. and all the local media.

Staffers toured modern communications centers such as radio, newspaper, and television stations, and heard professionals speak on the communications break-through. They put into practice what they learned through production of the newspaper, which they write, makeup, edit, and sell. They learned about the art of advertising through servicing local merchants and writing and producing "commercials" played over the school public address system.



Journalism I students are (front row) Debbie King, Peggy Bradford, and Francisca Matamoras; (second row) Zeke Lopez, Dean Burkett, and Kerry Kitchell. (top row) Joe Lopez, Rene Correa, Jose Garcia and Alfredo Salinas (not shown).



# Senior Achievements



## KEY TO ABBREVIATIONS

DE, Distributive Education; DECA, Distributive Education Clubs America; FFA, Future Farmers of America; FHA, Future Homemakers America; FTA, Future Teachers of America; GAA, Girls Athletic Association; ICT, Industrial Cooperative Training; NHS, National Honor Society; PASF, Pan American Student Forum; UIL, University Interscholastic League; VICA, Vocational Industrial Clubs of America; VO, Vocational Office Education.

**ALMAGUER, DELFINA**  
Outstanding Student, consumer mathematics, home economics; Freshman Class Treasurer; FHA; VOE; Vocational Talent Show; Basketball Intramurals, first place.

**ALMAGUER, ROBLE**  
Pep Squad; FHA; VOE; Basketball Intramurals, first place; Powder Puff Football.

**ARREDONDO, RAUL, JR.**  
Quill and Scroll Journalism Society; State UIL, second in news photo; Hi-Life Staff, photographer; La Palma Staff, photographer; Phi-Chem-Bi; French Club; Track; Senior Talent Show; Trinity University Journalism Summer Workshop.

**BACHELDER, MIKE**  
Track letterman; Basketball letterman.

**BARBOSA, JOHNNY**  
DECA.

**BRADFORD, TOMMY LEE**  
Honor Graduate; Quill and Scroll Journalism Society; Outstanding Student, journalism I, economics; Local Science Fair, honorable mention; Regional Science Fair; UIL Journalism, third place; Key Club; Phi-Chem-Bi; Hi-Life Staff, assistant editor; Football; Senior Talent Show; Senior Play.

**BROWN, DOUGLAS (DOUG)**  
Outstanding Student, metals I & II; Industrial Arts Fair, first place.

**BUGARIN, ELVIRA**  
American Heritage; PASF; Pep Squad; Phi-Chem-Bi.

**BULLION, JEANNE LAVON**  
Local Science Fair, honorable mention; B-Team cheerleader; Head varsity and freshman cheerleader; Three-year track letterman; Pep Squad; GAA; Weslaco Queen contestant.

**BURKETT, DEAN**  
Industrial Arts Fair, second place; La Palma Staff; Hi-Life Staff; Senior Play, stage crew; Senior Talent Show, stage crew.

**CABALLERO, VIRGINIA**  
VOE, parliamentarian.

**CADENA, TERESITA**  
Key Club Award; NHS; Outstanding Student, world history, Latin American history; French I; French Club, president.

**CALLAWAY, BARBARA JO**  
Favorite Sophomore and Junior Girl; Homecoming Princess; FFA Sweetheart for two years; Sing Out; Varsity Basketball; Varsity Volleyball; Y-Teens; Pep Squad, parliamentarian; WHS Dramatists Club, historian; GAA; WHS Singers.

**CANTU, CHARLES**  
Most Handsome; Outstanding Student, bookkeeping; Sing Out; American Heritage; Football (Hale Center High School, Hale Center, Texas); UIL One-Act Play; Senior Play.

**CANTU, RICHARD**  
State welding Competition, second place; District welding competition, second place; VICA.

**CASANOVA, NORMA**  
VOE; WHS Dramatists Club.

**CASANOVA, SONIA**  
VOE; Choir; WHS Dramatists Club; Senior Talent Show.

**CASTANEDA, PABLO, JR.**  
Local Science Fair, honorable mention; Choir, vice-president; Freshman Student Senate representative; Lettermen's Club; Football; Track; Baseball; FHA beau; Senior Talent Show.

**CAVAZOS, JOHNNY**  
Lettermen's Club; Football; Baseball.

**CERDA, JUANITA E.**  
VOE, secretary; Band.

**CLAY, ANN STILLWELL**  
Sing Out; WHS Dramatists Club, president; Pep Squad, secretary; Y-Teens; Choir, girls ensemble; Weslaco Queen contestant; At George Roger Clark High School, Winchester, Kentucky; Latin Club; Student Council representative; B-Team Cheerleader.

**CORTEZ, ARMANDO**  
Kiwanis Club Award.

**CRAWFORD, RONALD FRANK (RONNIE)**  
Outstanding Student, boys health, Spanish II, choir; All Region and State Choir for two years; Local Science Fair, honorable mention; Regional Science Fair, army award; Choir Solo, second division state, second division regional; Choir Ensemble, first division regional; NHS; Choir, student director; Band; Student Senate, election commissioner, parliamentarian; La Palma Staff, photographer; Phi-Chem-Bi; Cub Reporter of the Year.

**CUELLAR, SYLVIA JEAN**  
Outstanding Student, French I; Regional Solo and Ensemble, second division, third division; American Heritage; Band; Choir; French Club, secretary-treasurer; Senior Talent Show.

**DEER, BEVERLY ANN**  
Honor Graduate; Outstanding Student, Spanish I; Scholastic Excellence Award; Library Service Award; Local Science Fair, honorable mention; Band Ensemble, first division; Freshman Student Senate representative; Band, secretary-treasurer, librarian; Y-Teens; PASF, Student Senate representative; Phi-Chem-Bi; Most outstanding costume at Pan American Day; Senior Talent Show, ticket chairman; Senior

Play, costume chairman.

**DE LEON, CARLOS**  
VICA; Choir.

**DRAKE, OLEN BRYAN**  
Bobby Lackey Athletic Award; Quill and Scroll Journalism Society; Sports Writing Award; Local Science Fair, first place; All-District Track; Football letterman; Track letterman; Basketball letterman; Baseball letterman; Football Captain; Lettermen's Club; Purple Panther Club, offense and defense; Key Club; Student Senate, election committee; Hi-Life Staff, sports editor, assistant editor; Phi-Chem-Bi; Trinity University Journalism Summer Workshop.

**ESPINOZA, ALICIA**  
Honor Graduate; Rotary Scholar, three years; Three Scholastic Excellence Awards; Who's Who Among Student Leaders in America; Outstanding Student, biology I & II, Spanish II; Local Science Fair, honorable mention; NHS, historian; Junior Class secretary; Senior Class president; American Heritage, librarian; PASF, Student Senate representative, vice-president; Phi-Chem-Bi, secretary-treasurer; Delegate to Democracy in Action Week in Brownwood, Texas.

**FORD, MARSHA ANN**  
Honor Graduate; Rotary Scholar, two years; Two Scholastic Excellence Awards; Who's Who Among Student Leaders in America; DAR Award; American Legion Leadership Award; Betty Crocker Homemaker Award; Local Science Fair, second place; Outstanding Student, girls health, American history; Americanism Certificate of Achievement; NHS; Student Senate, corresponding secretary, recording secretary, vice-president; FTA; Choir,

secretary-treasurer; Phi-Chem-Bi; Junior Historians; Delegate to Democracy in Action Week in Brownwood, Texas; Senior Talent Show; Weslaco Queen contestant.

**FLORES, LINDA**  
Choir; Hi-Life Staff; Pep Squad; PASF.

**GARCIA, MARTIN**  
Local Science Fair, third place; VOE.

**GARZA, MARIA ELMA**  
Freshman Choir Award; Choir; Pep Squad; FFA, fifth vice-president; PASF.

**GARZA, NELDA SUZANNE (NELLIE SUE)**  
Honor Graduate; Miss WHS; Outstanding Student, home-making I; UIL One-Act Play, third place, all-star cast; UIL Twirling Solos and Ensembles, first divisions; UIL Band Solos and Ensembles, first divisions; Band, twirler, drum major; Senior Class treasurer; FHA, treasurer, historian; FTA; WHS Dramatists Club, secretary; Homecoming Queen; Weslaco Queen; Princess at Rio Grande Valley Day at San Antonio Livestock Show; Senior Talent Show; Senior Play.

**GARZA, ORALIA**  
DECA, Student Senate representative; Choir; Pep Squad; FHA, fourth vice-president.

**GORHUM, ELLA RAY**  
McAllen Business College Award; Literary Review Award; Local Science Fair, honorable mention; Band; Pep Squad; FHA, parliamentarian, president; Phi-Chem-Bi.

**GRACIA, MARIA DEL CARMEN**  
American Heritage; Pep Squad; FHA; PASF, parliamentarian; Phi-Chem-Bi; Panther Sweetheart.



**GRAHAM, BARBARA JEAN**  
Honor Graduate; Who's Who Among Student Leaders in America; Rotary Scholar; Quill and Scroll Journalism Society, two years; Scholastic Excellence Award; Publications Award, two years; State Homemaker Degree of Achievement; Outstanding Freshman Citizen; UIL District Prose Reading, third place; UIL District Poetry Interpretation, third place; UIL District Shorthand; UIL One-Act Play; Outstanding Student, typing II, speech; NHS; Student Senate, secretary, sophomore and senior girl representative; La Palma Staff, honors, Student Senate representative, business manager, editor for two years; FHA, treasurer, secretary, first vice-president, 1966 high point girl, correspondent to foster child, delegate to state convention for two years; FTA; Pep Squad; Phi-Chem-Bi, reporter, secretary-treasurer; WHS Dramatists Club; Junior Historians; Senior Talent Show, publicity; Senior Play; Weslaco Queen contestant; Drama Club One-Act Plays, ticket chairman; Student Sponsor of Prom Program Committee; Intramural Basketball; A&M University Journalism Summer Workshop; Trinity University Journalism Summer Workshop.

**GREEN, JAMES ERNEST (JIMMY)**  
B-Team Football; Tennis; American Heritage; Sing Out; WHS Dramatists Club; Phi-Chem-Bi; Slide Rule Club; Senior Talent Show; Drama Club One-Act Plays.

**GUAJARDO, FRANCES**  
Outstanding Student, physical education; FHA.

**GUERRA, ERNESTINA**  
Sing Out; Pep Squad; PASF; Sophomore Homecoming Duchess; Senior Talent Show; Weslaco Queen contestant.

**HANDY, MARY ELLEN**  
VOE.

**HECK, BRENDA JOYCE**  
Local Science Fair, honorable mention; Pep Squad; FHA, Student Senate representative; Phi-Chem-Bi.

**HENRY, MARY ESTHER**  
Honor Graduate; Most Likely to Succeed; Rotary Club Leadership Award; Rotary Scholar, three years; Scholastic Excellence Award; Outstanding Student, Spanish I, typing I; DAR American History Award; Local Science Fair, two first places; Regional Science Fair, honorable mention, third place; Clarinet Quartets, first divisions; Band, office secretary, vice-president, twirler; Student Senate, treasurer, devotional chairman; NHS, secretary; Y-Teens, treasurer; FTA; Blue Bonnet Girls State; Band Sweetheart; Senior Talent Show; Weslaco Queen contestant.

**HERNANDEZ, JESUS**  
French Club.

**HERNANDEZ, NESTOR**  
DECA, president, reporter; Band.

**HINOJOSA, ARMANDO**  
All-Region Band; UIL One-Act Play, honorable mention, third place, best supporting actor; UIL Prose Reading, second place; Band Solos and Ensembles, first divisions; Band; Choir; Sophomore Class treasurer; Phi-Chem-Bi; Senior Play; UIL Summer Drama Workshop.

**HUEFNER, THOMAS**  
Lion's Club Science Award; Outstanding Student, physical science, drafting I; Local Science Fair, three grand champions, two first places, one second place; Regional Science Fair, grand champion, four first places; National Aeronautics and Space Administration Award; United States Air Force Award; Navy Science Cruiser Award, alternate; Texas Society of Professional Engineers Award, third place; Magic Valley Industrial Education Science Fair, third place; UIL Science; Phi-Chem-Bi, president; FFA; Sing Out, stage crew; Senior Talent Show, stage crew; Senior Play, stage crew; Texas Nuclear Science Symposium participant.

**JOHNSTON, ROY ALAN**  
Local Science Fair, first place; Regional Science Fair, third place; Basketball; Tennis; Key Club, board of directors; Sing Out; American Heritage; Choir; Phi-Chem-Bi, Student Senate representative; WHS Dramatists Club; Senior Talent Show; Senior Play; Queen Contest usher.

**KING, DEBRA SUE (DEBBIE)**  
Hi-Life Staff; La Palma Staff; Junior Class Secretary (Jackson High School, Ohio).

**KOLVIK, RITA**  
American Field Service Student; Y-Teens; Student Senate; WHS Dramatists Club; American Heritage; Sing Out; Pep Squad; Senior Talent Show; Senior Play; Drama Club One-Act Plays.

**LEDESMA, LUIS, JR.**  
Outstanding Student, elementary analysis; Mathematics Award; Local Science Fair, second place; Phi-Chem-Bi.

**LEWIS, FRANK**  
DECA.

**LIGON, ANITA KAY**  
Most Beautiful; Freshman Music Achievement Award; Choir Ensemble, first division; Choir Solo, first division; Sing Out; Y-Teens; Pep Squad, treasurer; GAA; WHS Dramatists Club; Freshman Football Sweetheart; Weslaco Princess.

**LINDERMAN, SUSAN BETH**  
Outstanding Student, home and family living; FHA; FTA, secretary; Choir; Pep Squad, Student Senate representative; GAA.

**LUCE, HAROLD**  
Outstanding Student, agriculture I; Dairy Judging Team,

second in district; Local Science Fair, second place; District Science Fair, honorable mention; UIL One-Act Play, student assistant; DECA; FFA; Phi-Chem-Bi.

**LUERA, ADELINA**  
Band, band council; French Club; Homecoming Princess.

**LUGO, GRACIE**  
VICA, treasurer.

**LUGO, ISABEL**  
Basketball; Track; Volleyball; Pep Squad; GAA.

**LYONS, VIVIAN ELAINE (ELAINE)**  
Outstanding Student, home-making I; Student Senate, corresponding secretary; Band; FHA; FTA, treasurer; Y-Teens; Pep Squad; Junior Historians; Weslaco Princess.

**MAGANA, JOSEPHINE**  
Sing Out; Pep Squad; FHA; PASF.

**MALDONADO, JESUS**  
Lulac Award; Local Science Fair, second place; Football; Track.

**MARTINEZ, JOEL**  
DECA.

**MARTINEZ, PHILIP**  
DECA.

**MARTINEZ, SYLVIA**  
Outstanding Student, typing II; FHA; PASF; VOE.

**MATAMOROS, FRANCISCA (FRANCES)**  
Quill and Scroll Journalism Society; La Palma Staff; Hi-Life Staff.

**McDANIEL, JAMES (JIMMY)**  
Weslaco Young Farmers Award; Star Chapter Farmer Award; Outstanding Student, agriculture I, II, & III; FFA, Student Senate representative, president for two years.

**MEINERS, CAROL JEAN**  
Valedictorian; Parent Teacher Association Award; Rotary Scholar, three years; Scholastic Excellence Award; Who's Who Among Student Leaders in America; Band Parents Arion Award; Crisco Award; Outstanding Student, homemaking I, English III; Local Science Fair, grand prize; Regional Science Fair, third place; UIL Flute Ensembles, first divisions; Twirling Ensemble, first division; UIL Typewriting, third place; Band, president, twirler, band council; NHS, Student Senate representative; Y-Teens, vice-president; PASF, treasurer; FHA; FTA; Freshman Student Senate; Freshman Pep Squad, president; Senior Talent Show; Weslaco Princess; Finalist in Make-It-With-Wool Contest; Spanish Project, first place.

**MOLINA, MARTIN**  
VICA District Meet, first place; VICA State Meet, fourth place; Industrial Arts Fair, second place in woods; VICA, Student Senate representative, president.

**MORA, BERTHA GLORIA**  
Outstanding Student, related math I.

**NORIEGA, ANDRES, JR.**  
Honor Graduate; Who's Who Among Student Leaders in America; Babe Ruth Sportsman Award; Scholastic Excellence Award; Outstanding Student, algebra I; Boys State Delegate; All-Valley Scholastic Football Team; Local Science Fair, third place; All-District Football; Edinburg Track Meet, third place medal; District Track Meet, sixth place; Football letterman; Track; NHS; Purple Panther Club; Lettermen's Club; Phi-Chem-Bi; Senior Talent Show; Senior Play.

**OLIVAREZ, MICAELA (MICKEY)**  
Pep Squad; FHA.

**ORTIZ, ORALIA**  
Pep Squad; Choir; French Club; PASF; Junior Homecoming Duchess.

**PAYNE, BETSY ANN**  
Babe Ruth Sportsman Award; Pep Squad, vice-president, president; GAA, president; Sing Out; Basketball Three-Year letterman; Track Three-Year letterman; Volleyball Three-Year letterman; Regional Track Team; All-District Basketball Team; All-Tourney Forward in Weslaco Tournament; Pantherette Captain of the Year; Panther Spirit of '67; Volleyball Captain; Weslaco Queen contestant.

**PEREZ, MARY PAULA**  
VICA, secretary; VICA Sweetheart.

**PINALEZ, JOSE (JOE)**  
Honor Graduate; Rotary Scholar; NHS, president; Student Senate, corresponding secretary, parliamentarian, vice-president, sophomore representative; Junior Class President; UIL One-Act Play, alternate; Sing Out; American Heritage; Sophomore and Junior Favorite; Senior Talent Show; Senior Play; Delegate to Democracy in Action Week in Brownwood, Texas.

**PUTMAN, MARIANNE ELAINE**  
Outstanding Student, freshman band, typing I; Local Science Fair, honorable mention; UIL Extemporaneous Speaking, second place; UIL Flute Solo, first division; UIL Flute Trio, first divisions; UIL Typewriting; FTA; FHA, sixth vice-president; Band, twirler, section leader; Choir, accompanist, section leader, girls ensemble; Senior Talent Show; Senior Play; Weslaco Queen contestant.

**RAMON, NORMA**  
Lulac Council Award; Student Senate, treasurer; Band; VOE; FHA; PASF; Phi-Chem-Bi.

**RANDOLPH, JANICE JEAN**  
Honor Graduate; Most Improved Student, English II;

NHS; Choir; FHA, second vice-president; FTA.

**REYES, CARMEN**  
Pep Squad; FHA; PASF.

**REYES, JUANITA (JANIE)**  
Local Science Fair, honorable mention; Freshman Student Council representative; Choir; Pep Squad.

**REYES, NORMA**  
FHA; Choir; VOE; Pep Squad; WHS Dramatists Club; Powder Puff Football; At Johnston High School, Houston, Texas; FTA; History Club; Science Club; Volleyball letterman; At Madison High School, Houston, Texas; Drill Squad; Booster Club; Concert Tour Choir.

**REYNA, DANIEL (DANNY)**  
All-Valley Football, second team; Football letterman; Track letterman; Baseball letterman; Basketball letterman; Letterman's Club, secretary; Pantherette Beau.

**REYNA, JANIE**  
All-District Basketball; Varsity Basketball; Track; Volleyball, captain; Pep Squad; FHA; GAA.

**REYNA, ROBERT**  
Basketball; Baseball; DECA; Senior Talent Show.

**ROBLEDO, JOE**  
DECA.

**RODRIGUEZ, GRACIE**  
Band; Pep Squad; FHA; Senior Talent Show.

**RODRIGUEZ, MARIA GUADALUPE**  
Pep Squad; FHA.

**RODRIGUEZ, VIOLANDA**  
Choir; Senior Talent Show, usher.

**ROE, MARGARET ELIZABETH (ELIZABETH)**  
Band; Pep Squad; FHA; Drama One-Act Plays.

**SALINAS, ALFREDO**  
Boys State Alternate; Football Letterman; French Club.

**SALINAS, JOSE HECTOR**  
Rotary Club Award; Honor Graduate; Rotary Scholar, two years; Who's Who Among Student Leaders in America; Outstanding Student, geometry, Spanish III & IV, physics; Student Senate, president; Sophomore Class President; Boys State Alternate; PASF; Phi-Chem-Bi; Mr. Pan American.

**SALINAS, YOLANDA**  
Honor Graduate; Rotary Scholar; Quill and Scroll Journalism Society; Outstanding Student, Spanish I & III; NHS, treasurer; Student Senate, junior and senior representative; American Heritage; Pep Squad; PASF, historian, president; La Palma Staff; Phi-Chem-Bi, vice-president; Miss Pan American; Delegate to Democracy in Action Week in Brownwood, Texas.

**SANCHEZ, BEULAH**  
Local Science Fair, second



place; Regional Science Fair; Band; Choir; FHA.

**SANCHEZ, VICENTE**  
Local Science Fair, honorable mention; Sophomore Class vice-president; Junior Class treasurer; Student Senate, senior representative; Freshman Student Council, treasurer; Phi-Chem-Bi; PASF; Senior Play.

**SCOTT, BARBARA ANN**  
Weslaco Classroom Teachers Award; Local Science Fair, first place; Regional Science Fair, honorable mention; UIL Twirling Solo, first divisions; UIL Twirling Ensembles, first divisions; UIL Band Solos, first division; UIL Band Ensembles, first divisions; Band, head twirler, assistant drum major, band council; FHA, fourth vice-president; FTA; Phi-Chem-Bi; Student Senate, secretary; Freshman Class president; Weslaco Princess.

**SEEBER, JOANNE**  
Honor Graduate; MHS; Student Senate; Pep Squad; GAA; Basketball; DECA; Key Club Sweetheart; Spanish Project, first place.

**SEPULVEDA, JOSE T.**  
Football; Track; Lettermen's Club; French Club.

**SMITH, HOWARD ALAN**  
Salutatorian; Mr. WHS; Who's

Who Among Student Leaders in America; American Leadership Award; Fine Arts Club Award; Lions Club Award; Lions Club Journalism Award; Rotary Club Leadership Award; Rotary Scholar, three years; Quill and Scroll Journalism Society; Time Current Events Test, highest score in WHS, two years; District UIL Journalism, first place; State UIL Journalism, first for spot news photo, second in news-writing for two years; Outstanding Student, English II & IV, biology, chemistry, algebra II, government, journalism II, two years; Scholastic Achievement Award; Publications Award, two years; Boys State; NHS, vice-president; Key Club, vice-president; Student Senate, La Palma representative; Hi-Life, editor for two years; La Palma Staff; Sing Out; Phi-Chem-Bi; Senior Talent Show; Senior Play; Weslaco Queen Contest Usher; Delegate to Democracy in Action Week in Brownwood, Texas.

**SOLETHER, ROBERT McCLELLAN**  
Most Improved Student, Spanish II; Local Science Fair, grand champion; District Golf, second place; Second Place District Golf Medalist; Regional Golf, third place; All-Valley Football, second team; Valley Football Honor Roll; Boys

State Alternate; Man's Shop Football Player of the Week; Football; Basketball; Track; Golf; Purple Panther Club; Lettermen's Club; Key Club, treasurer; American Heritage Class; Phi-Chem-Bi.

**SWANZEY, MARGARET ANN**  
Honor Graduate; Yoder Choir Award; Outstanding Student, drama; NHS; Senior Class Secretary; Sing Out; Freshmen, B-Team, and Varsity Cheerleader; Choir, president, alternate student director, girls ensemble; Y-Teens; PASF; Student Sponsor for Prom; Senior Talent Show, manager; Senior Play.

**TISDALE, JIM NOLAN**  
Local Science Fair, two second places; Phi-Chem-Bi; Senior Play, light crew; Senior Talent Show, light crew.

**ULLRICH, MARIAN**  
FHA; VOE, Student Senate representative.

**VALDEZ, JOSEPHINE**  
PASF, treasurer.

**VALDEZ, VIDALLE**  
Pep Squad; Choir; FHA; GAA; Phi-Chem-Bi; VICA; Senior Talent Show.

**VANCE, JUDI MAE**  
Hi-Life Staff, copy editor; American Heritage; Pep

Squad; Y-Teens; FTA; Senior Talent Show; Drama Club One-Act Plays.

**VASQUEZ, SIMONA**  
FHA.

**VELA, ENEDELIA**  
VOE.

**VELTMAN, MARSHA**  
Honor Graduate; Local Science Fair, honorable mention; Regional Science Fair, honorable mention; Flute Ensembles, first division; Band, Student Senate representative, twirler, band council; NHS; Y-Teens; FTA; Senior Talent Show; Weslaco Queen contestant.

**VILLARREAL, ANDREA**  
Weslaco Junior Chamber of Commerce Award; Honor Graduate; Local Science Fair, third place; District Track, first place in discus, fifth place in shotput; Third Place Regional Track Team; First Place District Volleyball Team; Varsity Basketball; Volleyball; Track; Basketball Captain of the Year; Pep Squad; GAA, treasurer; WHS Dramatists Club, treasurer; Senior Talent Show.

**VILLARREAL, ELSA NORMA**  
Miss Pan American; PASF Poetry Interpretation, second place; NHS; Pep Squad; PASF,

president; Phi-Chem-Bi; VICA; Senior Talent Show; Weslaco Queen contestant.

**WADDELL, DAVID**  
Honor Graduate; Local Science Fair, third place; Key Club; La Palma Staff; Phi-Chem-Bi, Student Senate representative.

**WALLACE, NACY LOU**  
NHS; Choir Ensemble; Varsity Basketball; Volleyball; B-Team, Varsity Cheerleader; Freshman Class Treasurer; FTA, vice-president, president; WHS Dramatists Club, Student Senate representative; GAA; PASF; Y-Teens; Pep Squad; American Heritage; Sing Out; Powder Puff Football; Weslaco Queen contestant.

**WILSON, LARRY**  
Honor Graduate; Who's Who Among Student Leaders in America; Kiwanis Service Award; Rotary Scholar; Outstanding Student, book-keeping; NHS; Key Club, secretary, president; Basketball two-year letterman; Track; Golf; Lettermen's Club; Phi-Chem-Bi; Y-Teen Beau.

**ZEPEDA, ARTURO**  
Outstanding Student, distributive education; Industrial Arts Fair, first place; Job Interview Contest, first place; Local Science Fair, honorable mention; DECA.







to Olga  
One of the nicest, and  
prettiest girls she had  
the pleasure of knowing  
in the future. Best of luck in the  
future. May God keep you in the  
best of health and bless you.  
For you and Robert. I wish the best  
Good Luck,  
Albert Penn

Weslaco's wonderful world of 1967-68 is history. The class of '68 has scattered to campus, college, jobs, service or marriage. Returning students have scattered for the summer to school, to vacation, to work, or to just plain 'goof it off.'

The Campus, the world represented within the circle of the book's theme pages, won't ever look the same again.

What made the wonderful worlds of WHS 1967-68 different? The faces, the events, the shadow of world affairs which colored our thoughts and activities made them this way.

Our world first widened with the arrival of Rita Kolvik, an American Field Service student from Norway. She and almost 1000 students became acquainted and reacquainted through five long days of registration. We had just begun to settle down in earnest when Hurricane Beulah blew in. We were educated all right—in how to get along without lights, water, school and television and in how to fill sand bags and slug in the mud to bolster threatening dikes. We learned how to work with refugees, to make and to distribute thousands of sandwiches, and to work with administrators and

Civil Defense people—no generation gap here.

Then it was back to school—football on Monday night, telescoped activities—the holidays. And then midsemesters. "Sing Out America" by the American Heritage students gave our answer to hippies and draft card burners in repeated performances. We thrilled as the defense department showed "Singout" videotapes to servicemen in Viet Nam. Second semester was frantic with UIL activity, tests, student testing, term papers, classes, library assignments, and senior activities. We remembered the War in Viet Nam and the Paris peace negotiations as we came down the school walkway by the peace tree planted by the Pan American Student Forum.

Underlying our whole thoughts were questions of the year—the draft, national elections, the drug question, and less serious, long hair and short skirts—too long and too short each were the verdicts we had to live with on campus. It was a sobering year, a broadening year.

We learned that when trouble really comes, we can do our share and hold our heads high in the worlds of WHS and the world of man.



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